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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005, BEGINS ON PAGE 146.]

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6   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING. IF I COULD ASK ALL OF YOU TO  
7   PLEASE TAKE A SEAT, WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THIS MORNING'S  
8   MEETING. THIS MORNING, OUR INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER  
9   BONNER FROM ST. MALACHY CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES AND OUR PLEDGE  
10  OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY FRANK VALENCIA FROM  
11  THE VETERANS CLAIM ASSISTANT FOR THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
12  MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. FATHER, IF YOU WOULD BEGIN.

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14   **FATHER BONNER:** LET US PRAY...

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16   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND?

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18   **FATHER BONNER:** \_\_\_\_\_, LORD OF ALL CREATED BEINGS, BE  
19  WITH US TODAY AS WE LABOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL YOUR LIVING  
20  CREATURES. FILL OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR JUSTICE, YOUR PEACE,  
21  EQUALITY, AND LOVE. HELP US TO HEAR YOUR VOICE COMING TO US  
22  FROM THE SUFFERINGS OF YOUR SMALLEST AND WEAKEST CREATURES.  
23  ENLIGHTEN OUR MINDS WITH THE ETERNAL AND SACRED WISDOM YOU  
24  REVEALED TO OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS. STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE  
25  AND OUR HANDS TO LEAVE THIS, YOUR GROWING CREATION, A BETTER



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1 AND HAPPIER PLACE FOR HAVING PASSED THIS WAY, GUIDED ALWAYS BY  
2 YOUR BLESSED AND LOVING PROVIDENCE FOR US. WE ASK THIS IN THE  
3 POWER OF YOUR GREAT AND GUIDING SPIRIT OF LOVE FOR ALL. AMEN.

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5 **FRANK VALENCIA:** WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN ME IN PLEDGING OUR  
6 ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART,  
7 PLEASE. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FATHER, IF YOU'D JOIN ME. WE WANT TO MAKE  
10 A PRESENTATION THIS MORNING OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
11 TO FATHER WILLIAM BONNER. SINCE 1989, FATHER BONNER HAS BEEN  
12 WITH ST. MALACHY CHURCH IN THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AREA,  
13 LEADING A LARGE AND VIBRANT CONGREGATION. AFTER BECOMING AN  
14 ORDAINED BISHOP IN 19...

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16 **FATHER BONNER:** NO, NO, NO, I'M NOT A BISHOP. A PRIEST.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, NOT AN ORDAINED BISHOP. A PRIEST. HE  
19 LATER EARNED HIS DOCTORAL DEGREE IN THEOLOGY FROM THE CATHOLIC  
20 UNIVERSITY OF-- WE PROMOTED YOU HERE. [ LAUGHTER ]

21

22 **FATHER BONNER:** DON'T TELL THE GUY... [ LAUGHTER ]

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** FATHER BONNER IS A STRONG AND EFFECTIVE  
25 COMMUNITY LEADER EVIDENCED THROUGH HIS WORK IN THE ST. MALACHY



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1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HIS DILIGENT EFFORTS IN THE FLORENCE-  
2 FIRESTONE. HE IS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY WATCH PROGRAM THAT WE  
3 HAVE AND HAS BROUGHT A LOT OF LEADERSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY. WE  
4 WANT TO THANK YOU, FATHER, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THANK YOU  
5 FOR LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PLEASED TO BRING DOWN FOR TODAY TO LEAD US IN  
10 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, FRANK VALENCIA FROM LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, IN THE  
12 DESERT SHIELD-- OR I SHOULD SAY THE DESERT SHIELD STORM  
13 THEATRE. HE WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, THE  
14 NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION, MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION, MARINE  
15 CORPS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL WITH SILVER AND TWO BRONZE STARS,  
16 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL AND A SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE  
17 MEDAL WITH TWO STARS AND THE SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT  
18 LIBERATION MEDAL, KUWAIT LIBERATION OF KUWAIT MEDAL. HE'S A  
19 FORMER SUPERVISOR OF THE BROADWAY RETAIL STORES. HE'S MARRIED  
20 WITH THREE CHILDREN, ATTENDED SILESIAN HIGH SCHOOL IN EAST LOS  
21 ANGELES AND EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. SO WELCOME, FRANK, AND  
22 THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. AT THIS TIME,  
2    I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLEASE CALL THE  
3    AGENDA.

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5    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF  
6    THE BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 9. WE'LL TAKE UP ADMINISTRATIVE  
7    MATTERS AND THEN, AFTER THE BOARD PRESENTATIONS, WE'LL GO BACK  
8    TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS. SO, ON PAGE 9, BOARD OF  
9    SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 10 THROUGH 12.

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11    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
12    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 13 AND 14.  
15    ON ITEM NUMBER 13, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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17    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 14, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
18    YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO  
19    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEM 15.

22

23    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
24    BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
25    ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PROBATION, ITEM 16.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 16, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE,  
5 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
6 ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, I'LL READ IT  
9 INTO THE RECORD, AND THEN WE'LL HOLD IT FOR A MEMBER OF THE  
10 PUBLIC. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE ADDITION OF AN ORDINANCE  
12 POSITION AND AMENDING AN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE  
13 COMPENSATION OF A POSITION AND MAKING CLARIFYING TECHNICAL  
14 CORRECTIONS REGARDING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS.  
15 WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ITEM 15, IS THAT APPROVING IT AS MODIFIED  
24 BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT? BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHAT'S ON THE  
25 AGENDA.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY? IT'S THE 4-VOTE ITEM THAT'S ON  
3 THE AGENDA.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I KNOW, BUT I BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A  
6 BOARD LETTER THAT MODIFIED THIS AND THAT'S WHAT WE WERE VOTING  
7 ON?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO. I THINK IT'S WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKING. ALL RIGHT. THEN I  
12 WOULD MOVE RECONSIDERATION AND WE CAN DISCUSS IT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NUMBER 15 IS RECONSIDERED  
15 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF  
16 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT ITEM IS BACK ON OUR  
17 AGENDA.

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19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION. ON ITEM 18,  
20 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
25 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE



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1 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
2 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
3 ITEM 19-A.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
6 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 19-B.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
15 NO. 5.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BEFORE WE BEGIN ON THOSE  
18 SPECIAL ITEMS, WE HAVE SOME SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TODAY. WE  
19 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HAD A SPECIAL  
20 PRESENTATION?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO BUT I DON'T THINK HE HAS ARRIVED YET.  
23 SO I THINK HE'LL BE HERE AT 1:30.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN IF WE CAN-- AND, MR.  
2    ANTONOVICH, YOU WANTED TO HOLD OFF ON YOURS, RIGHT?

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE THE PEOPLE HERE.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW, MR. KNABE, YOU DID NOT BUT IT'S MY  
7    UNDERSTANDING-- DID YOU STILL WANT TO HOLD OFF ON YOURS?

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9    **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

10

11    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU'RE READY? ALL RIGHT. LET ME DO MS.  
12    BURKE'S FIRST. MS. BURKE, YOUR PRESENTATIONS?

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14    **SUP. BURKE:** MAY I CALL UP BEATRICE SMITH-HALLIBERTON. WELL,  
15    WE'RE VERY PLEASED TODAY TO HONOR BEATRICE SMITH- HALLIBERTON.  
16    SHE'S ENJOYED A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE COUNTY  
17    OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO MONA PARK, A  
18    FACILITY IN SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY, EL CAMINO  
19    RECREATION DISTRICT. SHE ALSO WORKED AT THE FLORENCE FIRESTONE  
20    RECREATIONAL DISTRICT AT ATHENS PARK AND SHE BEGAN HER CAREER  
21    WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER IN 1952. IN 1962, SHE  
22    BECAME A RECREATION SERVICE LEADER AND SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED  
23    BY THE COUNTY FOR 43 YEARS PERFORMING MANY TASKS AND PROGRAMS.  
24    NOW, AS THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE BE COMMUNITY CHANGED, SHE  
25    REMAINED AT MONA PARK AMONG THE YOUTH AND FAMILIES SHE'S GROWN



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1 TO LOVE AND CHERISH AND, WHEN IT BECAME VERY DIFFICULT AND  
2 SENSITIVE AS THE POPULATION BEGAN TO HAVE MORE AND MORE GANG  
3 MEMBERS, SHE WAS KNOWN AS MOTHER SMITH. SHE REMAINED AND SHE  
4 ASSISTED AND TRIED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE. SHE  
5 WAS ABLE TO TEACH THEM RECREATIONAL SKILLS. SHE WON THEIR  
6 TRUST AND CONTINUED TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE. SHE HAS SHOWN GENUINE  
7 INTEREST AND CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY BY STARTING THE MONA  
8 PARKS TINY TOT PROGRAM AND BEING INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS  
9 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, SUCH AS MONA PARK AFTER-SCHOOL, TEEN  
10 DANCES, SUMMER DAY CAMP, SUMMER LUNCH, BLACK HISTORY, CINCO DE  
11 MAYO, ARTS AND CRAFTS AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS. SHE HAS ALWAYS  
12 HAD A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH HER COWORKERS AND HAS  
13 REPRESENTED THE DEPARTMENT IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER AND SHE'S  
14 LOVED BY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF  
15 ALL HER HARD WORK, CONGRATULATIONS TO HER ON RETIREMENT AFTER  
16 43 YEARS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU WANT TO A A WORD?

19

20 **BEATRICE SMITH-HALLIBERTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY. IT'S A  
21 PLEASURE AND AN HONOR TO BE INVITED TO BE HERE. THANK MY  
22 COWORKERS, MR. FREDDY AND ALL MY HELPERS, AND EVERYBODY. THANK  
23 YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK YOU, MS. BURKE.

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25 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **RUSS GUINEY:** ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, MOTHER SMITH, WE  
3 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR 43 YEARS OF SERVICE AND, PRIOR TO  
4 THAT, FOR 10 YEARS, MOTHER SMITH WAS A VOLUNTEER AT THE PARK.  
5 SHE'S DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB AND I THINK MONITORING ALL THOSE  
6 TEEN DANCES IN THE '60S, '70S, AND '80S ARE WHAT KEPT HER SO  
7 YOUNG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHOULD I GO ON WITH MY  
10 PRESENTATIONS?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL DOLORES NEHEMIAH FORWARD,  
15 DR. DOLORES NEHEMIAH AND MEMBERS OF OUR AUTHOR STUDY CLUB.  
16 THEY'RE COMING FORWARD BUT, DR. NEHEMIAH, I'D LIKE TO START  
17 OFF BY SAYING A LITTLE BIT OF A HISTORY. ON FEBRUARY 14TH,  
18 1945, MRS. VASSY WRIGHT AND A GROUP OF U.S. POSTAL WORKERS  
19 FORMED "OUR AUTHORS STUDY CLUB, INCORPORATED" FOR PEOPLE WHO  
20 HAVE LITERARY INTEREST AND DESIRE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AFRICAN-  
21 AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE. THEY WERE INSPIRED BY DR. CARTER  
22 WOODSON, HISTORIAN AND COLLEGE DEAN AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND  
23 WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE WHO FOUNDED NEGRO HISTORY WEEK IN  
24 1926. 50 YEARS LATER, IN 1976, THE WEEK WAS EXPANDED TO  
25 NATIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN HONOR OF THE



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1 NATION'S BICENTENNIAL. THE ORGANIZATION THAT ESTABLISHES THE  
2 INTERNATIONAL THEME FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IS THE  
3 ASSOCIATION OF STUDY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY,  
4 ALSO KNOWN AS ASALH. OUR AUTHOR STUDY CLUB RECEIVED A CHARTER  
5 IN 1945, MAKING IT THE LOS ANGELES BRANCH. ASALH. THERE ARE  
6 NOW MORE THAN 46 BRANCHES NATIONWIDE. OUR AUTHOR STUDY CLUB  
7 HAS A PROUD HISTORY IN ITS OWN RIGHT. IN 1949, IT BECAME THE  
8 OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF BLACK HISTORY PROGRAMS WITH THE FIRST LOS  
9 ANGELES CITYWIDE CELEBRATION FOR WHAT WAS THEN NEGRO HISTORY  
10 WEEK. IN 1950, FLETCHER BROWN BECAME THE FIRST LOS ANGELES  
11 CITY MAYOR TO PROCLAIM NEGRO HISTORY WEEK AND TO ASK ALL  
12 CITIZENS TO JOIN OUR AUTHOR STUDY CLUB IN THIS CELEBRATION.  
13 NOW THE CLUB HAS INCLUDED THE AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH  
14 SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS DURING NATIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
15 HISTORY MONTH. IT ALSO PRESENTS AN AUTHOR PROGRAM AND  
16 MAINTAINS A SPEAKER'S BUREAU WITH QUALIFIED SPEAKERS AVAILABLE  
17 TO ADDRESS GROUPS AND SCHOOL CLASSES ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIFE  
18 AND HISTORY. OUR AUTHOR STUDY CLUB IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT  
19 ORGANIZATION AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY. I'M VERY  
20 PROUD TO AWARD THIS SCROLL TO THE PRESIDENT, DR. DOLORES  
21 NEHEMIAH BUT I HAVE TO SAY ONE THING FROM A VERY PERSONAL  
22 NOTE. I ALWAYS KNEW MRS. VASSY WRIGHT, WHO WAS THE FOUNDER,  
23 BECAUSE HER HUSBAND WORKED WITH MY DAD, SO I HAD AN  
24 OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW ALL ABOUT IT AND FOLLOW IT AS A CHILD AND  
25 ALL ABOUT HOW OUR AUTHOR STUDY CLUB CAME ABOUT AND THEIR



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1 WONDERFUL COLLECTION. VASSY WRIGHT'S COLLECTION OF NEGRO  
2 HISTORY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY ITEMS, BOOKS AND ALL OF  
3 THOSE THINGS. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,  
4 WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HONOR OUR AUTHOR STUDY CLUB ON THE  
5 OCCASION OF THIS 60TH ANNIVERSARY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **DR. DELORES NEHEMIAH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE  
8 AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THIS  
9 RECOGNITION THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO US. IN ADDITION TO THE  
10 ITEMS THAT YOU HEARD READ, WE HAVE ALSO JUST PRODUCED OUR  
11 THIRD PUBLICATION AND I'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A COPY OF  
12 TRAIL BLAZERS, WHICH IS A COMPILATION OF 105 ENTRIES OF  
13 PERSONS AND PLACES OF HISTORIC BLACK NOTE IN LOS ANGELES.

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15 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL...

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19 **DR. DELORES NEHEMIAH:** THIS IS JOYCE SOOMBY, WHO IS THE  
20 ASSISTANT-- ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
21 MORDINA MOORE; OUR FINANCIAL PERSONS, MARY ELLA LOUIS AND  
22 MILDRED GORDON, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT,  
23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON.

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1    **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES MY  
2    PRESENTATIONS.

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4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MS. BURKE. ARE YOU  
5    READY, MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AM, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE TWO SPECIAL  
8    PRESENTATIONS. ONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SURPRISE AND-- BUT I  
9    DON'T THINK WE SURPRISED HER VERY WELL. I'D LIKE TO ASK LAURA  
10   SHELL TO COME UP HERE. MADAM CHAIR, I THINK ALL OF YOU AND  
11   CERTAINLY SOME OF YOUR STAFF HAVE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF  
12   GETTING TO KNOW LAURA SHELL. I'D LIKE TO ASK MEMBERS OF HER  
13   FAMILY WHO ARE HERE, JEFF IS HERE AND HER DAD. I'LL INTRODUCE  
14   THEM IN A SECOND BUT LAURA SHELL CAME TO WORK FOR US WHEN I  
15   FIRST BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR NUMBER 1994 AND SHE WAS ONE  
16   OF MY FIELD DEPUTIES IN MY SAN FERNANDO VALLEY OFFICE--  
17   OFFICES. SHE ACTUALLY WAS IN CALABASAS AND DID SOME TIME IN  
18   BOTH CALABASAS AND-- THAT'S THE WRONG PHRASE, "DO SOME TIME,"  
19   BUT IN MY CALABASAS AND MY VAN NUYS OFFICE. AND THEN SHE CAME  
20   DOWNTOWN, WHERE SHE TOOK OVER THE VERY COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT,  
21   CHALLENGING DUTIES AS MY PLANNING DEPUTY, WHICH SHE HAS DONE  
22   SINCE SHE CAME DOWN HERE IN THE LATE '90S AND SHE HAS DONE IT  
23   WITH EXTREME SKILL. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR ALL OF US AND FOR THE  
24   PEOPLE OF MY DISTRICT IN PARTICULAR, LAURA'S GOING TO BE  
25   MOVING TO PHILADELPHIA, WHERE HER HUSBAND'S GOT A LITTLE JOB



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1 THAT HE'S TAKING, MUCH TO MY CHAGRIN, AND SHE WILL BE LEAVING  
2 TOWN, IN FACT, THIS WEEK IS HER FINAL WEEK IN OUR OFFICE. AND  
3 I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT HER WITH THIS  
4 PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY ALL FIVE PEOPLE WHO SERVE ON THIS  
5 BOARD, EVEN THE ONES WHO VOTED AGAINST THE LEGISLATION YOU  
6 WROTE. BUT WE WON'T HOLD THAT AGAINST THEM FOR THE NEXT FIVE  
7 MINUTES. AND I WANTED TO HAVE JUST READ A COUPLE OF THE  
8 "WHEREAS". SHE HAS SERVED AS MY DEPUTY, AS DEPUTY IN THE  
9 OFFICE OF THE THIRD DISTRICT SINCE 1994. SHE'S-- LAURA'S  
10 DISTINGUISHED HERSELF AS ENERGETIC AND EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE FOR  
11 HER THIRD DISTRICT CONSTITUENCY, ABLY ASSISTING THEM IN  
12 SOLVING A WIDE VARIETY OF PROBLEMS IN A BROAD SPECTRUM OF  
13 POLICY AREAS. LAURA SUBSEQUENTLY EARNED A PROMOTION AND A  
14 TRANSFER DOWNTOWN TO OUR MAIN OFFICE, EVENTUALLY ASSUMING  
15 PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING AND LAND USE ISSUES IN  
16 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT,  
17 PRIMARILY WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, A COMPLEX TASK  
18 THAT INVOLVES COORDINATING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS WITH  
19 HOMEOWNER GROUPS, ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, VARIOUS  
20 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, DEVELOPERS AND OTHER AFFECTED  
21 CONSTITUENCIES. SHE HAS CARRIED OUT HER DUTIES WITH  
22 EXCEPTIONAL DILIGENCE, SURPASSING COMPETENCE AND UNIMPEACHABLE  
23 INTEGRITY AND CONDUCTED HERSELF ALWAYS WITH COURTESY,  
24 CONSIDERATION, UNFAILING CHEERFULNESS IN ALL RESPECTS,  
25 EXEMPLIFYING THE IDEALS OF COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS AND TRUE



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1 PUBLIC SERVICE. FOR ALL OF THOSE REASONS AND OTHERS, THE BOARD  
2 OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DECLARES THAT  
3 LAURA SHELL BE HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR HER LOYAL AND DEDICATED  
4 SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE THIRD DISTRICT AND TO ALL THE  
5 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND SHE IS BADE A FOND FAREWELL  
6 WITH SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR GOOD HEALTH, MUCH HAPPINESS AND  
7 CONTINUING FULFILLMENT IN ALL OF HER FUTURE PERSONAL AND  
8 PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS. I WILL JUST SAY, YOU KNOW, ONCE IN  
9 AWHILE, YOU COME ACROSS SOMEBODY WHO'S JUST THE TOTAL PACKAGE:  
10 SKILL, GOOD JUDGMENT, FOLLOW-THROUGH. LAURA HAD EVERYTHING AND  
11 HAS EVERYTHING AND IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL LOSS FOR OUR OFFICE  
12 AND FOR THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT AND-- BUT I KNOW THIS IS  
13 SOMETHING THAT THE WHOLE FAMILY, THE WHOLE SHELL FAMILY IS  
14 LOOKING FORWARD TO, THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THEIR LIVES. AND,  
15 LAURA, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS YOU'VE DONE, THERE ARE A LOT  
16 OF LEGISLATION, REALLY PACE-SETTING LEGISLATION IN THE WEST  
17 END OF THIS COUNTY, THE NORTH AREA PLAN, THE RIDGELINE AND  
18 GRADING ORDINANCE, JUST TO MENTION A COUPLE AND A WHOLE HOST  
19 OF SMALLER ITEMS THAT WILL LEAVE A LEGACY FOR FUTURE  
20 GENERATIONS IN THIS COUNTY TO APPRECIATE BECAUSE OF THE WORK  
21 YOU DID. SO, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US, I WANT TO PRESENT YOU  
22 WITH THIS PROCLAMATION, WISH YOU AND JEFF WELL, THANK YOU FOR  
23 YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]  
24  
25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO INTRODUCE JEFF'S DAD, WHO IS HERE.



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2   **LAURA SHELL:** MY DAD, MY DAD.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MEAN, LAURA'S DAD. HE'S MUCH BETTER  
5   LOOKING. AND LAURA'S HUSBAND, JEFF, WHO IS HERE AND WHO WILL  
6   BE TAKING ON THE BIG RESPONSIBILITY, WHAT IS IT? HEAD OF  
7   ENTERTAINMENT AT COMCAST IN PHILADELPHIA, BIG JOB, YOU'RE  
8   GOING TO BE READING ABOUT HIM EVEN MORE THAN YOU HAVE IN THE  
9   PAST. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU COMING BACK HERE SO THAT WE  
10   CAN GET LAURA BACK EARNING AN HONEST LIVING. AND NOW I'D LIKE  
11   TO ASK LAURA IF YOU'LL SAY A COUPLE WORDS.

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13   **LAURA SHELL:** THANK YOU, ZEV AND THANKS TO EVERYBODY HERE. IT'S  
14   BEEN A THRILL TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND FOR ZEV THE PAST 10  
15   YEARS. I WAS 23 WHEN I FIRST STARTED WORKING HERE, SO I'VE  
16   REALLY GROWN UP WITH OUR OFFICE AND I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH. AND  
17   IT'S JUST BEEN A PLEASURE AND I WISH YOU ALL CONTINUED  
18   SUCCESS. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ONLY 23 WHEN WE HIRED  
21   YOU. I THOUGHT YOU WERE 26 WHEN YOU RETIRED. THANK YOU, MADAM  
22   CHAIR AND WHEN OUR NEXT GUEST ARRIVES, I'LL LET YOU KNOW. I  
23   DON'T THINK HE IS HERE. I KNOW YOU'RE HERE, KENNETH, BUT WE'LL  
24   BE THERE. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. ANTONOVICH, YOUR  
2    PRESENTATIONS. BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT READY ON THE OTHER, RIGHT?

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, HE'S NOT HERE YET.

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6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY.

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WOULD FIRST LIKE TO WELCOME, FROM CHINA,  
9    THIS MORNING, WONG SHU PING, WHO IS HERE FOR A EXHIBITION OF  
10   HIS DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS. HE IS A FAMOUS TRADITIONAL CHINESE  
11   PAINTER AND FIRST CLASS NATIONAL ARTIST FROM SHANDONG, CHINA.  
12   FOR TWO DECADES, HIS COLORFUL AND ORIGINAL WORKS HAVE WON HIM  
13   MANY GOLD PRIZES AND AWARDS IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL  
14   EXHIBITIONS IN TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAINTING CONTESTS.. HE HAS  
15   COLLECTED AND KEPT MANY OF HIS WORKS ARE IN MUSEUMS AND ART  
16   GALLERIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD. HE'S BEEN  
17   INVITED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA'S YOUNG ARTISTS TO ATTEND  
18   THE 13TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN KOREA. HIS EAGLE PAINTINGS  
19   ARE WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR ARTISTIC ORIGINALITY AND WON HIM THE  
20   HONOR OF ORIENTAL KING OF EAGLE. HIS EXHIBITION IS GOING TO BE  
21   WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD. THE SHOWING BEGINS AT 11:00 IN THE  
22   MORNING AND THERE IS A RECEPTION AT 5:00 P.M. AND THURSDAY,  
23   FEBRUARY 24TH, FROM 11 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AT THE PANDA  
24   RESTAURANT GROUP INCORPORATED CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS AT 1683  
25   WALNUT GROVE AVENUE IN ROSEMEAD. ANDREW CHURN, WHO IS THE



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1 FOUNDER OF PANDA AND ROGER WONG, ARE HOSTING THIS EVENT AND WE  
2 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COME AND SEE MR. WONG SHU PING'S  
3 PAINTINGS. SO, MR. WONG, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
4 ANGELES... [ SPEAKING CHINESE ]

5

6 **WONG SHU PING:** [ SPEAKING IN NATIVE LANGUAGE ]

7

8 **INTERPRETER:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYBODY AND ALSO  
9 THANK YOU FOR SUPERVISOR AND I'M APPRECIATE THIS TIME HAVE THE  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS MY FIRST TRIP  
11 TO THE STATES AND I VERY-- I'M VERY DELIGHTED TO DESIGN THE  
12 100 EAGLES BECAUSE I KNOW THE EAGLE IS THE SYMBOL OF THE  
13 STATES. AND, IN THE FUTURE, I LIKE TO DEVELOPED GOOD  
14 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATES AND CHINA. AND WITH THIS 100TH  
15 SPECIAL EAGLE THAT I'M GOING TO PRESENT IT TOMORROW IN MY ART  
16 EXHIBITION, I HOPE EVERYBODY WILL BE ENJOY AND MY MISSION WHEN  
17 I DEVELOP THIS RELATION AND HOPE THAT WE HAVE VERY RELATION IN  
18 THE FUTURE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH, MR. YAROSLAVSKY WANTED TO  
21 MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THIS TIME.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOU ALLOWING ME TO  
24 TAKE THIS OUT OF ORDER. I'D LIKE TO ASK PLACIDO DOMINGO TO  
25 JOIN US UP HERE. THERE HE IS. MADAM CHAIR, WE'RE VERY HONORED



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1 THIS AFTERNOON TO BE ABLE TO HONOR REALLY A LEGEND IN HIS OWN  
2 TIME, TRULY A MAN WHO HAS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE  
3 ARTISTIC AND THE HUMANITARIAN FRONT. AND WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE  
4 THAT HE'S THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF OUR VERY OWN OPERA HERE IN  
5 LOS ANGELES AND, OF COURSE, I'M REFERRING TO PLACIDO DOMINGO,  
6 WHO NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION. BUT, FOR THE TWO OR THREE PEOPLE  
7 WHO MAY NEED AN INTRODUCTION, I WANT TO JUST MENTION A COUPLE  
8 THINGS ABOUT PLACIDO. BORN IN MADRID, SPAIN AND GREW UP IN  
9 MEXICO, HE STUDIED BOTH VOICE AND PIANO AT THE MEXICO CITY  
10 CONSERVATORY. HE MADE HIS OPERATIC DEBUT IN MONTERREY AS  
11 ALFREDO IN LA TRAVIATA. HE THEN SPENT TWO YEARS WITH THE  
12 ISRAEL NATIONAL OPERA, WHICH I DIDN'T KNOW, AND THEN THE REST  
13 IS HISTORY. HIS SEVERAL DECADES WITH THE METROPOLITAN OPERA,  
14 WITH SINGING AT EVERY-- PERFORMING AT EVERY OPERA VENUE OF  
15 NOTE IN THE WORLD ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION IS LEGENDARY. HE  
16 BECAME THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES OPERA AND THAT  
17 MAKES US YOUR LANDLORD, SO IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT A LANDLORD  
18 HONORS HIS TENANT BUT, IN THIS CASE, WE'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION,  
19 AND HE'S BEEN THE GENERAL DIRECTOR BOTH OF THE NATIONAL OPERA  
20 AND OF THE L.A. OPERA, BOTH COMPANIES HAVING ACHIEVED ARTISTIC  
21 ACCLAIM AND FINANCIAL STABILITY, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT IS  
22 EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE SOMETIMES IN ARTISTIC ACCLAIM.  
23 HE HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO YOUNG UP-AND-COMING SINGERS THROUGH  
24 HIS COMPETITION THAT HE DOES, THAT HE HAS SPONSORED, THE  
25 OPERALIA. HE HAS RAISED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR A VARIETY OF



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1 CAUSES, INCLUDING THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO CITY  
2 IN 1985, THE ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE, A.I.D.S., AMONG MANY OTHER  
3 BOTH IMPROMPTU AND LONG-TERM CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING  
4 ACTIVITIES. HE'S AN HONOREE, A KENNEDY CENTER HONOREE OF OUR  
5 OWN COUNTRY AND HE IS ONE OF OUR OWN HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND  
6 THE BOARD WANTED TO HONOR YOU, PLACIDO, BECAUSE OUR OPERA, WE  
7 THINK, IS NOT ONLY A GREAT OPERA BUT IT'S THE OPERA OF THE  
8 FUTURE AND WE ARE VERY HONORED THAT THE LOS ANGELES OPERA IS  
9 PART OF OUR MUSIC CENTER, THAT YOU HAVE MADE IT PART OF YOUR  
10 PORTFOLIO AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN JUST A VERY EXCITING,  
11 DRAMATIC THING FOR BOTH LOS ANGELES AS A WHOLE, FOR THE YOUNG  
12 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO OPERA. AND WE'RE HONORED TO  
13 HAVE YOU AS A CITIZEN OF LOS ANGELES. CONGRATULATIONS AND  
14 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. YAROSLAVSKY AND I  
17 WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY AND CERTAINLY WE ARE NEIGHBORS. I WORK VERY MUCH, MANY  
19 HOURS ACROSS THE STREET AND WE TRY TO BRING TO LOS ANGELES  
20 WITH OUR COMPANY, THE LOS ANGELES OPERA, THAT PART OF CULTURE  
21 WHICH IS ALREADY GROWING DAY AFTER DAY IN THIS WONDERFUL CITY.  
22 AND I THINK THAT, EVERY DAY, THANKS TO YOUR HELP AND  
23 COOPERATION, WE ARE ABLE TO DO IT BETTER. I WANT TO THANK YOU  
24 FOR YOUR COLLABORATION TOWARDS OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, WHICH  
25 REACHES A LOT OF CHILDREN IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, LOS ANGELES



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1 COUNTY, WHICH THEY LEARN EVERY DAY MORE AND MORE ABOUT MUSIC  
2 AND ABOUT OPERA. SO, LET'S HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUOUSLY MAKE,  
3 THROUGH OUR COMPANY, EVEN A BETTER PLACE LOS ANGELES. WE TRY  
4 WITH OUR CULTURAL, OUR PROGRAMS, ARTISTIC PROGRAMS, TO BRING  
5 PEOPLE, ALSO, FROM OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES AND THROUGH NEW  
6 IDEAS THAT WE HAVE AND WE CAN BRING PEOPLE FROM EUROPE ALSO  
7 THEN THEY WILL SPEND IN LOS ANGELES MAYBE SOMETHING BETWEEN 10  
8 DAYS AND TWO WEEKS WITH ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT WE WILL  
9 HAVE TO OFFER THEM. I THINK THIS CITY REALLY IS COMING OF AGE  
10 AND, CULTURALLY, ARTISTICALLY, WE ARE VERY HAPPY FOR THIS  
11 HAPPENING AND I PROMISE THAT I WILL DO ALL THE BEST TO MAKE  
12 OUR COMPANY BETTER. I KNOW YOU WILL HELP US. I'M VERY GLAD TO  
13 SEE YOU, GLORIA, AFTER MANY YEARS AND WE HAVE BEEN AT THE  
14 TIMES OF THE MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE, TALKING ABOUT ALL THE  
15 PROBLEMS AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE YOU NOW WITH THESE BE  
16 RESPONSIBILITIES. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. AND SOMETHING I'VE  
17 BEEN VERY, VERY PROUD AND I WILL HAVE IT IN JUST ACROSS THE  
18 STREET IN THE OFFICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. [  
19 APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, ALL OF US WOKE UP  
24 EARLY IN THE MORNING TO FIND THAT A MAJOR TRAGEDY HAD IMPACTED  
25 OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH A TRAIN DERAILMENT THAT TOOK



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1 PLACE ON JANUARY 26TH. IT WAS A SAD OCCASION BECAUSE 180  
2 PEOPLE WERE INJURED, 11 LOST THEIR LIVES, MILLIONS AND  
3 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOST ONE  
4 OF ITS FINEST IN A DEPUTY SHERIFF. TODAY WE'RE HERE TO  
5 RECOGNIZE THOSE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO RISKED  
6 THEIR LIVES TO HELP OTHERS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THIS TERRIBLE  
7 CRASH. AND TODAY, WE HAVE MANY OF THOSE WHO WERE INVOLVED, WHO  
8 DID WHAT WAS NECESSARY TO GET THE JOB DONE. AND A GREAT DEAL  
9 OF CREDIT GOES TO A GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO, MANY TIMES,  
10 ARE OVERLOOKED AND IGNORED AND YET THEY ARE OUR FIRST LINE OF  
11 DEFENSE WHENEVER WE HAVE A TRAGEDY THAT IMPACTS OUR COUNTY,  
12 OUR STATE, OR OUR NATION AND THAT'S OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
13 FIRE PERSONNEL FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF  
14 GLENDALE, BURBANK AND PASADENA, ALONG WITH OUR STATE HIGHWAY  
15 PATROL. THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS WE KNOW IN PUBLIC SAFETY, AN  
16 HONORABLE PROFESSION, WHERE PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS, THE MEN AND  
17 WOMEN, THEY HAVE THAT CHARACTER TRAIT OF LOYALTY, COMMITMENT  
18 TO DUTY, AND HONESTY. WE ALSO WANT TO HONOR THOSE CITIZENS  
19 FROM COSTCO, WHO STEPPED OUT OF THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES TO HELP  
20 THOSE IN NEED BY GIVING THE VARIOUS NEEDS TO GET THOSE PEOPLE  
21 TO SAFETY AND GIVING THEM THE SUPPORT THEY NEEDED WITH FOOD  
22 AND WATER. OUR COUNTY HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH AND THE  
23 CORONER'S DEPARTMENT ATTENDED TO THE INJURED AND THE BEREAVED  
24 AND THE L.A.C.-U.S.C. HEALTHCARE NETWORK TOOK IN DOZENS AND  
25 DOZENS OF PATIENTS. WE THANK ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HERE



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1    TODAY AND THOSE WHO WEREN'T HERE TO MAKE IT BECAUSE OF THE  
2    WEATHER AND THERE ARE MANY ON DUTY TODAY AS WE SPEAK. WE HAVE  
3    PROCLAMATIONS TO GIVE TO EACH OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE  
4    INVOLVED IN THAT BUT, FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP A GOOD  
5    FRIEND TO MAKE THE PRESENTATIONS AND THAT'S GLENDALE'S CHIEF  
6    OF POLICE, RANDY ADAMS. WHEN HE LEFT VENTURA COUNTY TO COME TO  
7    GLENDALE, LITTLE DID HE KNEW THAT CNN AND FOX NEWS WERE NOT  
8    FAR BEHIND WHEN HE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TO TAKE COMMAND OF  
9    A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION AND RETAIN THE ORDER AND  
10   RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT WE SAVED LIVES AND WE PROTECTED  
11   THOSE THAT WERE INJURED. SO, RANDY, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY,  
12   WE WANT TO GIVE YOU A PROCLAMATION. OH, THEY ALL HAVE THEM?  
13   OKAY. SO ALL OF THE OFFICERS FROM GLENDALE HAVE THOSE  
14   PROCLAMATIONS TO THEM BUT HE'S GOING TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO US  
15   RIGHT NOW.

16

17   **RANDY ADAMS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND HONORABLE BOARD OF  
18   SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS MOMENT OF  
19   RECOGNITION. THE THING THAT IS REALLY EXCITING TO ALL OF US IN  
20   THE CITY OF GLENDALE IS THIS WAS THE WORST TRAGEDY THAT THE  
21   CITY OF GLENDALE HAS EVER FACED AS FAR AS LOSS OF LIFE, NUMBER  
22   OF INJURED. AND THE THING HAS REALLY HEARTENING BEHIND SUCH A  
23   DEVASTATING TRAGEDY IS THE FACT THAT, ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS  
24   WITH THIS INCIDENT OCCURRING, THERE WAS A SEA OF UNIFORMS, AS  
25   WE SEE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY, RESPONDING FROM A NUMBER OF



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1 DIFFERENT AGENCIES TO RENDER AID AND IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TO  
2 RESCUE THOSE THAT WERE IN NEED THERE. IT WAS THE GREATEST  
3 MUTUAL AID RESPONSE, IF YOU WILL, WITHOUT REALLY ASKING FOR  
4 ONE THAT I'VE EVER SEEN, A TREMENDOUS COORDINATED RESPONSE,  
5 TREMENDOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN AGENCIES. THERE WAS NEVER ANY  
6 POLITICAL BICKERING AS TO WHO WAS IN CONTROL OR HOW IT WAS  
7 GOING. JUST EVERYBODY RESPONDED TO GET THE JOB DONE IN AN  
8 AMAZING FASHION. AND, ON TOP OF THAT, EVEN THOUGH THE RESPONSE  
9 WAS AMAZING AND VERY PROMPT AND QUICK, OUR FIRST RESPONDERS  
10 WERE MET BY RESPONDERS FROM THE PRIVATE CITIZENRY THAT EVEN  
11 BEAT US TO THE SCENE AND THAT IS THE COSTCO EMPLOYEES AND  
12 DELIVERY PERSONNEL THAT RAN INTO THE FACE OF DANGER.  
13 CERTAINLY, I WOULD LIKE TO COMPLIMENT ALL OF THEM AND THANK  
14 THEM FOR THAT. AS PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL, WE'RE PAID TO RUN  
15 INTO THE FACE OF DANGER. THEY'RE NOT PAID AND YET THEY DID,  
16 AND THEY DID THEIR CIVIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND WE  
17 APPRECIATE THAT. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAD ABOUT 40 POLICE  
18 OFFICERS RESPOND TO THAT SCENE SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT  
19 OCCURRED. THEY CANNOT BE HERE TODAY. WE ACTUALLY HAVE OUR  
20 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATED AGAIN, AS WE DID AT THE  
21 TIME THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED, AND THAT'S DUE TO ALL OF THE  
22 RAINS AND FLOODING THAT WE HAVE GOING ON. AND MANY OF THEM ARE  
23 WORKING SHIFTS AROUND THE CLOCK AND SO I'M JUST HONORED TO BE  
24 ABLE TO BE HERE ON THEIR BEHALF TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU  
25 FOR RECOGNIZING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND, ON BEHALF OF THE



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1 MAYOR, THE CITY COUNCIL, AND THE CITIZENS OF GLENDALE, THANK  
2 YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE IT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T THE MEN IN THE AUDIENCE RISE ANYWAY  
5 THAT ARE HERE RIGHT NOW. JUST ALL OF YOU GUYS STAND UP. THANK  
6 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS I SAID, EACH OFFICER FROM GLENDALE,  
9 PASADENA, BURBANK, WILL BE RECEIVING PROCLAMATIONS, AS WILL  
10 THE OTHER OFFICERS FROM LOS ANGELES AND HIGHWAY PATROL BUT,  
11 FIRST, FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE DEPUTY JOSE  
12 BELLAMIERES AND EVERYONE IS RECEIVING THE SAME PROCLAMATION, SO  
13 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DEPUTY MANUEL DEARMES. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DEPUTY RICHARD FALK. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DEPUTY WILLIAM JACKSON. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DEPUTY DANIEL NEIL. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.C. HEALTHCARE  
24 NETWORK, PETER DELGADO, OUR C.E.O. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. RANDOLPH SHERMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
2    DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY AT THE U.S.C. TRAUMA WARD. [ APPLAUSE ]  
3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL  
5    HEALTH FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MARV? [ APPLAUSE ]  
6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND OUR CORONER'S OFFICE, ANTHONY HERNANDEZ  
8    AND DR. CHRISTOPHER ROGERS, THE CHIEF FORENSIC MEDICINE  
9    DIVISION. [ APPLAUSE ]  
10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WOULD MAKE  
12   PRESENTATIONS TO OUR LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE  
13   HIGHWAY PATROL.  
14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ACTUALLY, IT'S THE COUNTY FIRE, I THINK  
16   IS...  
17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE SECOND. GLENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAME UP,  
19   CHIEF CHRIS GRAY. HE WAS THERE RIGHT ALONGSIDE CHIEF RANDY  
20   ADAMS AND CHRIS WAS HERE JUST A KNEW MONTHS AGO WHEN HE BECAME  
21   THE-- BATTALION CHIEF ROBERT DOYLE. AND, FROM FIRE STATION 25,  
22   WE HAVE CAPTAIN DON NICHOLS, ENGINEER TONY CASTRO, ENGINEER  
23   PATRICK SHELDON, FIREFIGHTER TOM NICHOLA, FIREFIGHTER SCOTT  
24   DRISCOLL AND FIREFIGHTER JAMES MICHAEL. [ APPLAUSE ]  
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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM FIRE STATION 28, FIREFIGHTER KEVIN LA

2    COSTA-- LA SOTA, LA SOTA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAPTAIN JIM FRAULY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BATTALION CHIEF MICHAEL HANNEY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAPTAIN BILL LYNCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAPTAIN SCOTT MOLLENBACH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BATTALION CHIEF DON WRIGHT. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAROL MEYER, DHS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

15   AGENCY. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND, FROM THE BURBANK FIRE DEPARTMENT,

18   FIREFIGHTER STEVEN BURN. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAPTAIN PETER HENDRICKSON. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ENGINEER RONALD PURMUM. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIREFIGHTER ANDREW ROMAINE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BATTALION CHIEF WILLIAM SANDERS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE HAVE ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, CALVIN  
4    WELLS, TO HELP HONOR THE FIRE RESPONDERS FROM THE PASADENA  
5    POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HE WILL ACCEPT THE SCROLLS FOR HIS  
6    DEPARTMENT THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US RIGHT NOW. ALVIN BLADES,  
7    KEVIN COSTA, SHAWN ENGLISH, THOMAS HART, RICARDO ARNELLIS AND  
8    MATTHEW THOMPSON. CHIEF? [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WE ALSO WANT TO HONOR L.A.  
11   COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE RESPONSE AND I  
12   JUST WANT TO ADD MY THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THOSE  
13   WHO RESPONDED. IT'S ONE OF THOSE EVENTS WHERE YOU TRAIN FOR IT  
14   BUT YOU NEVER KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO TURN OUT UNTIL YOU HAVE  
15   TO DO THE REAL THING, AND I THINK THE TRAINING CLEARLY PAID  
16   OFF AND ALSO TO THE PEOPLE AT COSTCO, I REPRESENT THE  
17   WONDERFUL LITTLE COMMUNITY OF ATWATER AND THEY REALLY-- THEY  
18   REALLY WENT BEYOND THE CALL. BUT TODAY WE'RE HERE TO HONOR THE  
19   L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, I'M HERE TO HONOR THEM,  
20   ALONG WITH THE OTHERS THAT MR. ANTONOVICH HAS HONORED AND  
21   WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR RESPONSE AND FOR THEIR DEDICATED  
22   SERVICE. FIRST ANDY ADONA. ANDY? [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUCK BUCHANAN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PAUL COPELAND. [ APPLAUSE ]

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JOHN CREITER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PHIL DURKEN. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BILL NICKUM. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DR. FRANK PRATT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CHAD SAURBIR. [ APPLAUSE ]

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13    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JOHN TUELE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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15    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CHRIS VALENUELA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DAMON WAFER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, RICHARD WEISS. [   
20    APPLAUSE ]

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22    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I THINK WE WERE JOINED BY-- I DON'T KNOW   
23    IF CHIEF FREEMAN IS HERE. CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF   
24    HERRERA AND CHIEF BRYANT, THANK YOU ALL AND THE OTHERS WHO ARE   
25    HERE. HERE COME THE-- DO WE HAVE-- OH, WE HAVE MORE. I THOUGHT



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1 I RECOGNIZED THE L.A.P.D. UNIFORM. ALL RIGHT. NEXT, I WANT TO  
2 INTRODUCE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE  
3 DEPARTMENT, WHO RESPONDED ALONG WITH THE GLENDALE AND THE  
4 OTHERS VERY QUICKLY AND INCREDIBLY HEROICALLY AND WE'LL CALL  
5 ON, FIRST OF ALL, SERGEANT WAYNE GILLORY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SERGEANT KENNETH KOCH. NOT HERE. OKAY. NEXT  
8 IS POLICE OFFICER RAYMOND OLIVAS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OFFICER JEREMY OLSON. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OFFICER DON PARK. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. HERE WE GO. OFFICER MARVIN  
15 PRODIGALIDAD. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SERGEANT ARTHUR REYNA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OFFICER ARTURIO SEGUINAS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OFFICER SUSAN SULLY. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OFFICER GREGORY TREVINO. [ APPLAUSE ]

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND OFFICER TEDDY WILLIAMS. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SORRY IF WE'RE MISSING ONE. WE'LL  
3 TAKE CARE OF THAT. NEXT, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INVITE FORWARD  
4 MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHO WERE  
5 FIRST RESPONDERS IN THIS GREAT TRAGEDY AND WE'RE BLESSED TO  
6 HAVE TWO OF THE GREATEST FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE WORLD RIGHT  
7 HERE IN OUR OWN CITY AND COUNTY. AND SO IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO  
8 CALL RANDOLPH COOPER, ENGINEER RANDOLPH COOPER. [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DONALD DARBY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE WELCOME. KELLY FAULKNER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE WELCOME. ARMANDO HURATO. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FRED MAGALONA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JOE MORENO. [ APPLAUSE ]

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAPTAIN JOE MORENO. NEXT IS CAPTAIN LARRY  
21 SCHNEIDER. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIREFIGHTER KEVIN SMITH. [ APPLAUSE ]

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIREFIGHTER SATHON KENDERT. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SCOTT TOMLIN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ERICK VERWAY. CAPTAIN ERICK VERWAY. [  
5 APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JOHN WARE, ASSISTANT CHIEF JOHN WARE. [  
8 APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND FIREFIGHTER CURT WILLIAMSON. [ APPLAUSE  
11 ]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND LAST, THE LAST GROUP OF PEOPLE I WANT TO  
14 HONOR IS THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL FROM THE CENTRAL LOS  
15 ANGELES AREA, SERGEANT CHRISSY IS REPRESENTING THE GROUP AND I  
16 WANT TO PRESENT-- I WANT TO ASK HIM TO COME UP HERE. [  
17 APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, AND THANKS TO THE HIGHWAY PATROL  
20 FOLKS FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ON THAT MORNING. AND NOW,  
21 LAST AND CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, THE EMPLOYEES OF COSTCO, AS  
22 YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM CHIEF ADAMS, REALLY WENT BEYOND THE  
23 CALL AND WE DON'T RECOMMEND THIS FOR ANYBODY WHO ISN'T TRAINED  
24 TO DO IT BUT SOMETIMES THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUCH THAT YOU  
25 JUST RESPOND WITH YOUR HEART AND A GREAT DEAL OF COURAGE. AND



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1 THE PEOPLE AT COSTCO DID THAT ON THE MORNING OF THIS TERRIBLE  
2 ACCIDENT AND, WITHOUT REGARD TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, WENT  
3 IN AND TRIED TO BE OF HELP TO PEOPLE WHO WERE IN REAL SERIOUS  
4 TROUBLE. SO, FOR THAT, WE WANT TO HONOR YOU. REPRESENTING  
5 COSTCO, WE HAVE WITH US KEVIN GREENE, WHO IS THE GENERAL  
6 MANAGER. KEVIN, COME ON UP HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU GET A STANDING OVATION FROM  
9 FIREFIGHTERS, YOU KNOW YOU DONE SOMETHING. WE GOT A STANDING  
10 OVATION LAST WEEK BUT IT WAS A DIFFERENT KIND OF STANDING  
11 OVATION. [ LAUGHTER ]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST A JOKE. JUST A JOKE. I'LL ASK KEVIN TO  
14 STAY UP HERE AND TAKE THE PHOTOS AND THEN I'LL ASK KEVIN TO  
15 SAY A WORD AT THE CONCLUSION. FRANK ANNAIAH. FRANK, ARE YOU  
16 HERE? THERE YOU ARE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT, ROXANNE ESTRADA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RUBEN LANDA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MIGUEL LARA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HECTOR MARTINEZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KAREN MENDOZA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND MARK ZAVALA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK KEVIN TO SAY A WORD ON  
6    BEHALF OF THE COSTCO FAMILY.

7

8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT KEVIN HAS ONE OF  
9    THE TOP STORES IN THE COUNTY AND HIS EMPLOYEES AND ALL, THEY  
10    DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE EXTRA EFFORT  
11    THAT YOU DO, NOT JUST ON THIS TRAGEDY BUT ALSO WITH THE YOUTH  
12    GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14    **KEVIN GREENE:** I'M A LITTLE OVERWHELMED BUT THANK YOU,  
15    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE REST OF THE GROUP, WE APPRECIATE  
16    ALL YOUR SUPPORT. AND, AS YOU CAN EXPECT, I'M EXTREMELY PROUD  
17    OF MY EMPLOYEES WHO DID SUCH A GREAT JOB THAT MORNING IN THE  
18    FACE OF A VERY TERRIBLE SITUATION AND I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A  
19    FEW MINUTES JUST TO THANK THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,  
20    ESPECIALLY FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE COUNTY OF LOS  
21    ANGELES AND OF COURSE THE CITY OF GLENDALE. THEY'VE BEEN  
22    TREMENDOUSLY SUPPORTIVE OF US THROUGH OUR BUSINESS ALL THE  
23    TIME. THEY'RE ALWAYS THERE FOR US AND JUST THAT WE COULD GIVE  
24    THEM BACK JUST A LITTLE BIT IN, YOU KNOW, IN HELPING THEM DO



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1 THEIR JOBS THAT THEY'RE EXPECTED TO DO ALL THE TIME. WE REALLY  
2 APPRECIATE IT AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK ALL OF US WANT TO JOIN WITH THE  
5 SUPERVISORS IN THANKING ALL OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES  
6 FROM THE CITY OF L.A., FROM THE COUNTY OF L.A., FROM GLENDALE,  
7 BURBANK, AND THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, INCLUDING THE WORK  
8 THAT ALL OF THE COSTCO EMPLOYEES DID THAT MORNING. IT WAS  
9 AMAZING WATCHING EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE APPRECIATE AND WE THANK  
10 YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT AND YOUR WORK AND THE LIVES THAT YOU SAVED  
11 THROUGH YOUR QUICK ACTION. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. [  
12 APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, IS OFFICER SALVADOR LARA HERE?

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16 **OFFICER SALVADOR LARA:** YES, SIR! [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COME ON UP. WE DIDN'T MEAN TO OVERLOOK YOU  
19 BUT WE GOT YOUR PROCLAMATION JUST IN TIME.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WHILE HE'S DOING THAT, I WANT TO JOIN IN SAYING  
22 HOW PROUD I AM THAT PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER AND OUR FIREMEN, OUR  
23 COUNTY SHERIFFS, L.A.P.D., EVERYONE CAME TOGETHER TO WORK, AND  
24 THESE CITIZENS WHO ARE ABOUT-- THEY'RE AT THEIR JOB, MINDING  
25 THEIR OWN BUSINESS BUT THEY CAME FORWARD AND THEY SHOWED US



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1 HOW HEROISM CAN REALLY BE PART OF A PERSON'S LIFE AND YOU  
2 NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE CALLED UPON. TO EVERYONE  
3 WHO HELPED THAT DAY, IT WAS AN EXAMPLE, I THINK, FOR PEOPLE  
4 ALL OVER THE COUNTRY OF HOW PEOPLE HERE IN THIS WHOLE AREA CAN  
5 WORK TOGETHER AND CAN SAVE LIVES AND MAKE LIVES BETTER. AND  
6 CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE BLACK SHEPHERD MIX WHO  
11 IS 12 WEEKS OLD WHO IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. HER NAME IS SASSY.  
12 SHE COMES WITH A "I LOVE YOU" LITTLE SCARF, SO ANYBODY WHO'D  
13 LIKE TO ADOPT SASSY, A LITTLE SHEPHERD MIX, YOU CAN CALL THE  
14 TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN OR, IF YOU'RE  
15 WALKING OUT, YOU CAN MAKE A REQUEST AND LITTLE SASSY WILL BE  
16 YOURS. SHE PROBABLY LOVED TO WORK AT COSTCO. SO YOU CALL THE  
17 NUMBER (562) 728-4644 OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD  
18 LIKE LITTLE SASSY. SEE ANYBODY? LOOK OVER THERE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO, BEFORE WE START  
21 OUR PUBLIC ITEMS, WE'RE GOING TO START ON...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I HAVE ONE MORE PRESENTATION, MADAM  
24 CHAIR.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. YOU DO. I APOLOGIZE. JUST  
2   SHOWED TWO FOR YOU.

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A BUSY DAY FOR ME. JANET WITKIN. COME  
5   ON UP HERE, JANET. JANET, YOU'VE HAD TO WAIT BUT YOU CAN TELL,  
6   FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE YOU CAN SAY YOU WERE UPSTAGED BY  
7   PLACIDO DOMINGO AND A DOG AND AND-- BUT, MADAM CHAIR, LAST  
8   MONTH, JANET WITKIN WAS HONORED FOR 25 YEARS OF SELFLESS AND  
9   DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY IN HER WORK AS  
10   THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ALTERNATIVE LIVING FOR THE  
11   AGING, WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION SHE FOUNDED-- WHAT YEAR? 1980?  
12   1978. WITH AN IDEA AND A VISION THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
13   SENIOR CITIZENS COULD BE INFINITELY IMPROVED BY PAIRING THEM  
14   UP IN COMPATIBLE ENVIRONMENTS, COMPATIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND THEN  
15   ULTIMATELY COMPATIBLE ENVIRONMENTS AND CREATE A LIVING  
16   ENVIRONMENT WHERE SENIORS, INSTEAD OF WHILING THEIR FINAL  
17   YEARS OR THEIR GOLDEN YEARS AWAY, WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE THEIR  
18   LIVES TO A NEW LEVEL. AND SHE STARTED A.L.A., ALTERNATIVE  
19   LIVING FOR THE AGING, IN THE LATE '70S WITH THAT IN MIND, WITH  
20   MATCHING UP SENIORS, AND THEN QUICKLY EVOLVED TO EXPAND THE  
21   PROGRAM TO A COOPERATIVE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE NOW  
22   INFAMOUS-- NOT INFAMOUS, NOW FAMOUS CO-OP HOUSES, COOPERATIVE  
23   LIVING HOUSES, THAT EXIST ALL OVER OUR PART OF TOWN AND OTHER  
24   PARTS OF TOWN AND WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND TO OTHER PARTS OF  
25   TOWN AS RESOURCES PERMIT, WHERE PEOPLE ARE BROUGHT INTO



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1 APARTMENT HOUSES, APARTMENT TYPE HOUSES, ARE CONVERT INTO  
2 COOPERATIVE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS WITH COMMON EATING AREAS BUT  
3 INDIVIDUALIZED LIVING UNITS, AND SENIORS LIVE EXTRAORDINARILY  
4 PRODUCTIVE AND INTERESTING LIVES IN A VERY INDEPENDENT WAY,  
5 WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THAT VISION AND THAT  
6 IDEA WAS CONCEIVED BY JANET. I'VE KNOWN JANET BEFORE-- SINCE  
7 BEFORE I WAS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. WE GO BACK A LONG WAY WHEN  
8 WE TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL TOGETHER IN THE EARLY 1970S AND WE  
9 BOTH KIND OF WENT IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR OWN PASSIONS AND, AT  
10 LEAST IN HER CASE, SHE HAS SUCCEEDED BEYOND ANYBODY'S WILDEST  
11 EXPECTATIONS. AND IT'S BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO KNOW HER AS A  
12 FRIEND, AS A PROVIDER OF SERVICE TO MY CONSTITUENTS AND MANY  
13 OTHERS, WHERE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO, ESPECIALLY HERE AT THE  
14 COUNTY, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SUPPORT A GOOD DEAL OF THE WORK  
15 THAT JANET'S DONE WITH THE CITY, WE DID AS WELL, WHEN WE MOVED  
16 AN APARTMENT BUILDING FROM WESTWOOD TO THE FAIRFAX AREA,  
17 RATHER THAN SEE IT DEMOLISHED AND TURNED THAT INTO WHAT IS, TO  
18 THIS DAY, A COOP HOUSE, THE EL GREKO, IN WEST HOLLYWOOD. YOU  
19 RUN INTO PEOPLE ONCE IN A WHILE WHO HAVE IDEAS, HAVE VISIONS,  
20 HAVE DREAMS, DREAM BIG DREAMS AND THEN MAKE SURE THEY HAPPEN.  
21 PEOPLE WHO ARE IDEALISTIC ENOUGH BUT ALSO PRACTICAL ENOUGH TO  
22 SEE THEIR IDEAS BROUGHT INTO FRUITION. JANET HAS THAT DUAL  
23 CAPACITY AND THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS OVER THE  
24 LAST 25 YEARS OR MORE WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THAT PASSION.  
25 SO, JANET, I WANTED TO BRING YOU DOWN HERE TODAY, WE TRIED TO



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1 MAKE IT A SURPRISE, I DON'T THINK WE SUCCEEDED, TO PRESENT YOU  
2 WITH THIS PLAQUE SIGNED BY ALL OF US HONORING YOU FOR 25 YEARS  
3 OF SELFLESS AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTY  
4 BUT, FROM MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE, FOR YOUR PERSONAL  
5 FRIENDSHIP AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE. [ APPLAUSE  
6 ]

7

8 **JANET WITKIN:** THANK YOU, ZEV. ZEV HELPED US WHEN ALTERNATIVE  
9 LIVING FOR THE AGING WAS AN IDEA IN MY HEAD AND HE HELPED US  
10 ON THE COUNCIL AND NOW HE'S HELPED US ON THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS, AS HAVE ALL OF YOU AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
12 HELP OF THE ENTIRE BOARD. BUT I REALLY COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT  
13 WITHOUT ZEV AND JENNY KRUEGER AND ALL THE GREAT PEOPLE ON  
14 ZEV'S STAFF WITH CO-OP ONE, CO-OP TWO AND MOVING THE EL GREKO  
15 WAS KIND OF AN AMAZING FEAT, WE CUT A FOUR-SIDED COURTYARD  
16 INTO FOUR PIECES AND MOVED IT DOWN THE STREET IN THE MIDDLE OF  
17 THE NIGHT. I'M REALLY DELIGHTED THAT MY IMMEDIATE PAST  
18 PRESIDENT, BOB BURKE AND OUR TREASURER, CHRIS JOSEPH, ARE HERE  
19 AND MY FAMILY, LESTER, EVA AND MARILYN VICE ARE BACK THERE.  
20 AND I THINK WE ALL JUST HAVE TO REALLY CONSIDER THAT SO MANY  
21 OLDER PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE LIVING ON \$805 A MONTH,  
22 SOCIAL SECURITY AND S.S.I., AND THE AVERAGE RENT IN L.A.  
23 COUNTY IS \$1,355 A MONTH. SO ANYTHING THAT WE'RE DOING, WE  
24 NEED TO KEEP ON DOING AND WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR HELP. AND,  
25 ZEV, THANK YOU SO MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES OUR  
3 PRESENTATIONS. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD, BEFORE WE DO OUR  
4 OTHER AGENDA ITEMS, AND DO OUR SET ITEM AT 2:00. SO WE HAVE A  
5 REPORT? IF YOU'D PRESENT THE REPORT, HOPEFULLY WE CAN MOVE  
6 FORWARD ON IT QUICKLY. MISS ROBERTSON, MR. GARTHWAITE. PLEASE  
7 BEGIN.

8

9 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THANK YOU. KAE ROBERTSON. AS PER NAVIGANT'S  
10 RECOMMENDATION IN OUR FEBRUARY 1ST REPORT AND AT THE DIRECTION  
11 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE'VE WORKED WITH THE C.A.O.'S  
12 OFFICE, COUNTY COUNSEL AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO  
13 DEFINE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER  
14 HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD. WE'VE ALSO CONFIRMED THE MEMBERSHIP  
15 FROM THE CURRENT ADVISORY BOARD WHO ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE  
16 AND WE'RE EXAMINING AN ADDITIONAL SLATE OF NAMES FOR ROUNDING  
17 OUT THE BOARD. WE WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE A MEETING OF THE  
18 ADVISORY BOARD BETWEEN NOW AND TWO MONTHS FROM NOW AND TO HAVE  
19 BYLAWS DEVELOPED AND READY FOR APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS WITHIN 60 DAYS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THE REPORT IS BEFORE US. DO YOU  
23 HAVE ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT, MS. BURKE?

24



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I HAVE JUST A FEW QUESTIONS. NAVIGANT, AS IT  
2   NOW STANDS, IS TO REMAIN FOR ONE YEAR OR TO FEBRUARY 2006. HOW  
3   DO YOU SEE THE STAFFING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD AFTER YOU'RE NO  
4   LONGER THERE? HOW WILL THAT STAFFING WORK? I THINK-- I CAN  
5   UNDERSTAND HOW IT WOULD BE VERY EFFICIENT, SINCE YOU HAVE THE  
6   C.A.O. AS PART OF NAVIGANT WHO WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO  
7   REALLY PROVIDE THE STAFFING, THE INFORMATION AND A FLOW OF  
8   INFORMATION. WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THIS BOARD HAS NEVER BEEN  
9   ABLE TO GET REALLY THE KIND OF INFORMATION FROM THE C.A.O. OR  
10   THE EXECUTIVE OR ADMINISTRATOR AND THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AT  
11   KING THAT WAS NECESSARY FOR US TO KEEP AHEAD OF WHAT WAS GOING  
12   ON THERE. ONCE NAVIGANT IS GONE AND YOU HAVE A NEW SET OF  
13   PEOPLE THERE, HOW DO YOU SEE THE STAFFING AND HOW CAN YOU  
14   ASSURE THAT THIS ADVISORY BOARD WILL HAVE THE KIND OF  
15   INFORMATION THAT WE LACK AS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?

16

17   **KAE ROBERTSON:** A COUPLE OF THINGS. FIRST, OUR INTENT IS TO, AS  
18   YOU SAID, STAFF THIS OUT OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IN THE  
19   INTERIM, AND ALSO IN THE REPORT THAT WE PROVIDED, WE SAID  
20   THAT, ONCE WE'RE GONE, WE'RE GOING TO BE MAKING  
21   RECOMMENDATIONS ON STAFFING FOR THE ADVISORY BOARD. WE BELIEVE  
22   THAT IT WILL COME THROUGH THE REGULAR-- DIRECTOR OF  
23   REGULATORY, DIRECTOR OF QUALITY, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER'S  
24   OFFICE, AND THAT THERE WON'T BE A NEED FOR INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE  
25   STAFFING. BUT WE'RE GOING TO EVALUATE THAT DURING OUR TIME



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1   THERE BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE REPORTS THAT COME  
2   UP ARE ACCURATE AND CAN BE TRUSTED.

3

4   **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT IS YOUR EXIT STRATEGY IN TERMS OF NAVIGANT  
5   AND IN TERMS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD? ARE YOU SEEING THIS AS A  
6   PERMANENT STRUCTURE OR ARE YOU SEEING THIS AS SOMETHING THAT  
7   GOES ON FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME? WHAT REALLY IS KIND OF  
8   BOTHERING ME IS IF YOU HAVE ONE HOSPITAL THAT HAS AN ADVISORY  
9   BOARD BUT OTHER HOSPITALS DO NOT. DO YOU SEE THIS AS A  
10   TEMPORARY BOARD OR DO YOU SEE THIS AS A LONG-TERM BOARD? HOW  
11   DO YOU REALLY ENVISION IT?

12

13   **KAE ROBERTSON:** FIRST OF ALL, OUR EXIT STRATEGY, AS YOU KNOW,  
14   IS THAT WE WILL BE RECRUITING REPLACEMENTS FOR OUR INTERIM  
15   MANAGERS. THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD, AS WE'RE SUGGESTING IT  
16   NOW, WOULD ALSO HELP BE A STRATEGY FOR CONTINUATION OF THE  
17   IMPROVEMENTS THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE IN THE LEVEL OF  
18   OVERSIGHT THAT THIS TROUBLED ORGANIZATION NEEDS. AND, FOR A  
19   LONGER-TERM SOLUTION, I THINK WE'VE SUGGESTED THAT THERE WOULD  
20   BE A DIFFERENT-- THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE COUNTY  
21   MIGHT LOOK AT A DIFFERENT WAY OF OVERSEEING ALL OF THE  
22   HOSPITALS WITHIN THE COUNTY.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE:** YOU SEE THIS AS AN INTERIM STEP TO THE PUBLIC  
25   AUTHORITY? OR DO YOU SEE THAT THERE MIGHT BE ADVISORY



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1 COMMITTEES FOR ALL OF THE HOSPITALS? OR DO YOU SEE THIS JUST  
2 BEING SOMETHING FOR KING HOSPITAL? AND, IF SO, HOW LONG WOULD  
3 IT REMAIN THERE?

4

5 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THIS IS, AT THE MOMENT, BEING RECOMMENDED ONLY  
6 FOR KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. WE SEE THIS BEING A MULTI-YEAR  
7 RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE THE TURNAROUND WILL TAKE A FEW YEARS  
8 AND MOST IMPORTANT IS SUSTAINING THAT CHANGE AND THAT WILL BE  
9 PART OF THE ROLE OF GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT THROUGH THIS  
10 BOARD. AND I REALLY AM NOT IN A POSITION TO TALK ABOUT WHAT  
11 WOULD HAPPEN WITH THE OTHER HOSPITALS. I THINK THAT'S  
12 SOMETHING MAYBE DR. GARTHWAITE WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION  
13 TO TALK ABOUT.

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T THINK OF ANYTHING EXCEPT THAT--  
16 IS THIS ON? I THINK I WOULD JUST SAY THAT I THINK IT'S WRAPPED  
17 IN ANY OTHER GOVERNANCE...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YOUR MICROPHONE IS NOT ON.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S NOT ON.

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** TESTING.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE IT IS.



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SUPERVISOR KNABE BROUGHT IN A MOTION TO  
3 EXAMINE OTHER GOVERNANCE CHANGES AND I WOULD THINK IT WOULD  
4 ALL GET WRAPPED UP INTO THOSE DISCUSSIONS AS THEY COME FORWARD  
5 OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OR SO.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU WOULD SEE THIS AS EVOLVING INTO WHATEVER THE  
8 PUBLIC-- IF IT'S A PUBLIC AUTHORITY OR SOME OTHER GOVERNANCE,  
9 THAT THIS WOULD EVOLVE INTO THAT BUT I GUESS REALLY WHAT I  
10 REALLY WANT SOME IDEA IS, DO YOU SEE THIS AS A PERMANENT BODY  
11 OR AS A SHORT-TERM BODY OR IS IT GOING TO BE PART OF THE NEXT  
12 GOVERNANCE THAT IS APPROVED IF AND WHEN THERE IS A PUBLIC  
13 AUTHORITY OR SOME OTHER GOVERNANCE?

14

15 **KAE ROBERTSON:** OUR ANSWER, FROM A NAVIGANT PERSPECTIVE, IS  
16 THAT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER NEEDS A CONTINUED OVERSIGHT FROM  
17 A GOVERNANCE BOARD LIKE THIS ONE. SO WE DIDN'T SEE THIS AS A  
18 TEMPORARY STRATEGY. IF NO HEALTH AUTHORITY OR OTHER TYPE OF  
19 CHANGE OCCURS IN THE COUNTY, WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT KING DREW  
20 CAN GO BACK TO THE TYPE OF GOVERNANCE IT HAD BEFORE. WE THINK  
21 IT NEEDS-- ASSUMING NO OTHER CHANGE IN THE COUNTY, KING DREW  
22 MEDICAL CENTER NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS LEVEL OF  
23 GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT TO SUSTAIN THESE CHANGES.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME GO TO THE ACTUAL MEMBERS OF THE  
2   ADVISORY BOARD. I SEE THAT DR. LEVY IS NOT PART OF THIS NOW.  
3   WILL THERE BE SOMEONE ELSE FROM U.C.L.A.? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT  
4   ONE OF YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IS THAT THERE BE CLOSE  
5   RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER MEDICAL SCHOOLS, OTHER HOSPITALS AND  
6   CERTAINLY U.C.L.A. HAS SUCH A PRESENCE THERE. THEY HAVE, I  
7   THINK, WHAT? SIX OR SEVEN DIFFERENT PROGRAMS THAT U.C.L.A. HAS  
8   ACTUALLY, EITHER AT DREW OR AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL.  
9   WILL YOU GET SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE THE PLACE? I KNOW DR. DRAKE  
10   BUT DR. DRAKE COVERS ALL THE HOSPITALS OF THE STATE-- OF U.C.  
11   BUT WILL THERE BE SOMEBODY SPECIFICALLY FROM U.C.L.A. YOU'LL  
12   TRY TO IDENTIFY?

13

14   **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE HAVE ABOUT 30 ADDITIONAL MEMBERS THAT WE'RE  
15   EVALUATING FOR SIX SLOTS CURRENTLY AND WE WOULD BE LOOKING TO  
16   NOT ONLY HAVE SOMEBODY FROM U.C.L.A. BUT ALSO SOMEBODY WITH  
17   C.E.O. BACKGROUND, SOMEBODY ELSE WITH C.N.O. BACKGROUND, SOME,  
18   YOU KNOW? SO WE'RE FILLING OUT THE COMPETENCIES THAT WE NEED  
19   FOR THAT BOARD.

20

21   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. ONE OTHER THING THAT I NOTICE IS THAT  
22   YOU HAVE ANNUAL REPORTS THAT WOULD GO TO-- H.A.B.-- FROM  
23   HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT. AT THIS POINT, WILL YOU HAVE MORE  
24   FREQUENT REPORTS GOING TO THEM AND THEN EVOLVE LATER?

25



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1   **KAE ROBERTSON:** YES. WE WILL HAVE MONTHLY REPORTS RIGHT NOW AND  
2   WHAT WE'RE EXPECTING IS THAT THEY WILL EVOLVE OVER TIME TO NO  
3   LESS FREQUENTLY THAN ANNUALLY.

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5   **SUP. BURKE:** AND THIS BOARD, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THEY ARE GOING  
6   TO BE-- HAVE VERY STRONG CREDENTIALS IN TERMS OF ACADEMIA AND  
7   PARTICULARLY HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS. WILL  
8   THEY BE PART OF THIS ESTABLISHING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER  
9   MEDICAL SCHOOLS, OTHER HOSPITALS AND OTHER PROGRAMS? IS THAT  
10   WHERE THAT'S GOING TO COME FROM? OR WILL IT COME FROM THE  
11   ACTUAL HOSPITAL ITSELF OR THE DEPARTMENT?

12

13   **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE AFFILIATIONS OF DREW UNIVERSITY?

14

15   **SUP. BURKE:** YES.

16

17   **KAE ROBERTSON:** OR FOR THE COUNTY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS? I THINK  
18   THAT DR. GARTHWAITE...

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20   **SUP. BURKE:** FOR THE COUNTY RESIDENCY PROGRAMS.

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22   **KAE ROBERTSON:** YEAH, I THINK THAT'S ONE FOR YOU TO...

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24   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I TALKED TO DR. DRAKE SHORTLY AFTER THE  
25   LAST BOARD MEETING A COUPLE WEEKS AGO AND HE'S COMMITTED, AS



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1 PART OF HIS ROLE IN THE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PART OF THE  
2 STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF KING DREW, TO TAKE ON EACH  
3 INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM AND HE HAS A TEAM ESTABLISHED.  
4 THEY'LL START LATER, I BELIEVE, THIS MONTH, WITH FAMILY  
5 PRACTICE, WHICH IS THE ONE IN PROBABLY MOST IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY  
6 THE SOONEST. BUT WE'LL SYSTEMATICALLY WORK THROUGH EVERY  
7 PROGRAM'S STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, PLANS FOR AFFILIATIONS AND SO  
8 FORTH. SO I HAVE THAT COMMITMENT FROM HIM AND STARTS-- I  
9 FORGET. HE HAS A DAY SET ASIDE. SO IT'S LATER THIS MONTH, I  
10 BELIEVE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** SO HE WILL, AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD, HE  
13 WILL THEN HAVE ACCESS TO LOOKING AT BOTH OF THESE ISSUES, IS  
14 THAT IT?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** HE HAD ALREADY ESTABLISHED THIS TEAM  
17 THAT HAS BEEN HELPING THE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS UNDERGO  
18 ACCREDITATION, VISITS FROM THE A.C.G.M.E. AND SO THIS IS A  
19 SEPARATE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL EXPERTISE IN  
20 TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT'S ALREADY ESTABLISHED AND HAS BEEN AT  
21 WORK.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW ONE OTHER THING THAT YOU TALK ABOUT IS  
24 PATIENT SATISFACTION. HOW WILL YOU BE ABLE TO MEASURE THAT? IS



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1   THERE ANY SURVEYS SET UP OR ANY MEASURE NOW TO DETERMINE WHAT  
2   KIND OF PATIENT SATISFACTION THERE IS?

3

4   **KAE ROBERTSON:** I THINK WE, IN OUR REPORT, SAID THAT THERE WAS  
5   ONLY AN INTERNALLY DEVELOPED PATIENT SATISFACTION TOOL THAT  
6   WAS USED AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND IT HAD NOT BEEN USED  
7   FOR OVER A YEAR. WE ARE GOING TO BE MOVING TO A MORE NATIONAL  
8   SATISFACTION SURVEY THAT WILL NOT BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STAFF  
9   BECAUSE THE OTHER PROBLEM WITH THE ONE THAT WAS BEING USED WAS  
10   THAT IT WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE STAFF WHO WERE CARING FOR THE  
11   PATIENTS. IT'S VERY HARD TO SAY TO THE PERSON CARING FOR YOU,  
12   "YOU'RE NOT DOING A GOOD JOB" BECAUSE YOU'RE IN A VULNERABLE  
13   POSITION. SO WE'RE MOVING-- WE WILL BE MOVING TO A PATIENT  
14   SATISFACTION SURVEY THAT IS ACCEPTED NATIONALLY AND IT WILL  
15   ALLOW FOR ANONYMOUS REPLY.

16

17   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAVE HAD  
18   ONGOING PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS DONE BY AN OUTSIDE  
19   CONTRACTOR AS A CONDITION OF THE WAIVER, BUT WE NEED SOME  
20   INTERNAL THINGS THAT HAPPEN MORE FREQUENTLY TO JUDGE THE  
21   PROGRESS OF SOME OF THE TURNAROUND EFFORTS.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE:** FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO GET SOME IDEA, WILL THIS  
24   ADVISORY BOARD HAVE RELATIONSHIPS OR OUTREACH TO THE EMPLOYEE



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1 REPRESENTATIVES, THE UNIONS? DO YOU SEE THAT BEING PART OF  
2 THEIR ROLE AT ALL?

3

4 **KAE ROBERTSON:** IN TERMS OF MANAGING LABOR CONTRACTS?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** TRAINING. WELL, NOT MANAGING LABOR CONTRACTS.  
7 TRAINING. AND JUST GETTING INPUT FROM EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE  
8 REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS.

9

10 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THEY'LL ABSOLUTELY BE LINKED TO THE UNIONS.  
11 THEY'LL BE LINKED TO THE COMMUNITIES SERVED AND BE GETTING--  
12 AND THE PHYSICIAN, SO THEY'LL BE GETTING INPUT FROM EMPLOYEES,  
13 PATIENTS AND PHYSICIANS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. THAT'S ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAVE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. KNABE?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS I NEED A CLARIFICATION. THIS ADVISORY  
20 BOARD, IS IT CONSIDERED TEMPORARY? I MEAN, IS IT TO RUN THE  
21 GAMUT OF YOUR CONTRACT OR IS IT TO GO BEYOND?

22

23 **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE EXPECT THAT IT WOULD GO BEYOND OUR CONTRACT.  
24 OUR CONTRACT EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30TH OF 2005-- OR, NO, OCTOBER  
25 31ST, 2005, SORRY, AND WE THINK THAT THIS IS A GOVERNANCE



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1 REQUIREMENT WITH JOINT COMMISSION AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IN  
2 TERMS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY AND CONTINUATION OF CHANGE FOR  
3 KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN HOW IS IT HELD ACCOUNTABLE?

6

7 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THEY'RE HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY VIRTUE OF THE  
8 REPORTS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PROVIDE AND I WOULD SUGGEST AN  
9 ANNUAL EVALUATION. WE'RE GOING TO DO STAGGERED TERMS FOR THEM  
10 AND THERE'S AN ABILITY TO REMOVE PEOPLE FROM THE BOARD, WHICH  
11 WOULD BE A NORMAL COURSE OF THE BYLAWS, AND THERE WILL BE THE  
12 ABILITY TO APPOINT NEW MEMBERS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** AND HOW ARE THEY STAFFED ONCE YOUR CONTRACT  
15 EXPIRES?

16

17 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THAT WAS THE QUESTION, I THINK, THAT WE WERE  
18 TRYING TO ANSWER FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE IN TERMS OF WE WOULD  
19 EXPECT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE STAFFED THROUGH THE C.E.O.'S  
20 OFFICE STILL ONCE WE'RE GONE BUT WITHIN-- I THINK THE WRITE-UP  
21 THAT WE PROVIDED SAID WE WOULD GIVE MORE SPECIFIC  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THAT ALONG WITH THE BYLAWS AND WITHIN THE  
23 60-DAY REPORT BACK.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** NOW, AS THE C.E.O., ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THAT  
2   ACCOUNTABILITY FACTOR AS IT RELATES TO THIS GROUP, THE  
3   ADVISORY BOARD?

4

5   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, SUPERVISOR, WE ARE, AS IS THE HEALTH  
6   DEPARTMENT. THEY MADE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE GOVERNANCE PLAN FROM  
7   EARLIER DRAFTS TO INCLUDE GREATER INVOLVEMENT FOR THE HEALTH  
8   DEPARTMENT. I WAS CONCERNED THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY ROLE  
9   WHATSOEVER AND THEY WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE ACCOUNTABILITY  
10   ISSUE AS WELL. THEY STILL ARE THE HEALTH EXPERTS FOR THE  
11   COUNTY AND WE NEED TO USE THEM AS SUCH.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE:** BUT ON-- BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DAY YOUR  
14   CONTRACT EXPIRES AND IT'S NOT EXTENDED AND YOU'RE GONE AND WE  
15   HAVE AN ADVISORY BOARD THERE THAT'S SET UP BY THIS BOARD, AND  
16   IT'S AN ADVISORY BOARD, HOW WOULD IT BE STRUCTURED? AND MAYBE  
17   IT'S COUNTY COUNSEL TO ANSWER THAT IN A SENSE THAT, YOU KNOW,  
18   YOU MAKE A RECOMMENDATION OR YOU MAKE THIS MOVE, YOU'RE GOING  
19   TO MOVE THIS PERSON HERE, YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE THIS, YOU'RE  
20   GOING TO DO THIS ON AN ONGOING BASIS THAT SOMEONE JUST DOESN'T  
21   TELL YOU TO STUFF IT? DOESN'T TELL THE ADVISORY BOARD JUST TO,  
22   YOU KNOW, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RUNS THIS HOSPITAL, NOT  
23   YOU, YOU KNOW, KIND OF THING. IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT I'M GETTING  
24   AT IS, AS I'VE SAID EARLIER AND WHEN WE'RE ASKING THE HARD  
25   QUESTIONS ON AN OVERALL HEALTH AUTHORITY AND THAT WOULD BE MY



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1 NEXT QUESTION, HOW THIS MIGHT INTERFACE EVENTUALLY WITH THE  
2 HEALTH AUTHORITY. IF IT CONTINUES TO BE JUST A BUFFER BETWEEN  
3 THE HOSPITAL AND US AND WE'RE GOING TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE,  
4 WHAT CHANGES?

5

6 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE-- WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THE THING THAT  
7 CHANGES IS THE LEVEL OF EXPERTISE THAT WE BRING TO THE BOARD.  
8 SECONDLY, WE'RE LOOKING FOR THOSE AUTHORITIES THAT CAN BE  
9 DELEGATED TO THIS GROUP TO BE DELEGATED AND, LASTLY, WE'RE  
10 EXPECTING A REGULAR REPORT OF THEIR ACTIVITIES AND THEIR  
11 FINDINGS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS OPPOSED TO A GROUPING  
12 OF THOSE. BUT I THINK THERE'S THE ABILITY TO GET MORE DIRECT,  
13 SPECIFIC INFORMATION. THERE'S ABILITY TO APPOINT AND REMOVE  
14 PEOPLE AND THEN THERE'S AN ABILITY TO DO AUDIT OF THE BOARD  
15 ACTIVITIES AS WELL. I MEAN, PART OF HOW WE ACTUALLY FOUND SOME  
16 OF THE GOVERNANCE ISSUES WITHIN THE OPERATING ROOM AND OTHER  
17 AREAS WAS THROUGH AN AUDIT AND THROUGH REVIEW OF MINUTES AND  
18 THINGS LIKE THAT. SO THERE'S-- I THINK YOU'LL HAVE MORE  
19 ABILITY TO DO THAT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** "WE" OR "THEY"?

22

23 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE DHS AND C.A.O.'S OFFICE THAT AUTHORIZES THE  
24 AUDITS. YOUR ROLE IN HOLDING THEM ACCOUNTABLE. THEY WILL HOLD  
25 THE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABLE, THEY WILL REVIEW THE WORK OF



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1 MANAGEMENT AND IF-- I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD YOUR QUESTION TO BE  
2 HOW WOULD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, I GUESS THE COUNTY COUNSEL, I MEAN,  
5 HOW, WHEN YOU SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE COULD HOLD THEM  
6 ACCOUNTABLE OR, YOU KNOW, WHAT STOPS FROM THE FINGER POINTING  
7 AT THE END OF THE DAY?

8

9 **LEELA KAPUR, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF I CAN-- IF I  
10 UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION, YOUR CONCERN IS MORE IF THE ADVISORY  
11 BOARD DEVELOPS RECOMMENDATIONS OR FINDS DEFICIENCIES THAT NEED  
12 CORRECTION AND, AFTER NAVIGANT LEAVES, HOW DO THEY EFFECTUATE  
13 THAT DOWN AT THE FACILITY LEVEL AND THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE  
14 THROUGH HOLDING THE C.A.O. OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
15 SERVICES ACCOUNTABLE TO ASSURE THAT THE NEW MANAGEMENT DOWN AT  
16 THE FACILITY ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO LISTEN TO THIS ADVISORY  
17 BOARD AND TRY TO IMPLEMENT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. THAT'S  
18 SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE DELEGATED TO THE ADVISORY BOARD. THEY  
19 CAN'T FORCE THAT UPON THE FACILITY. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT'S  
20 GOING TO HAVE TO WORK THROUGH THE NORMAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
21 DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** OTHER THAN THAT-- AND THAT'S MY CONCERN. I MEAN,  
24 YOU'RE SAYING THEY CAN'T FORCE THAT UPON THE FACILITY, THAT,  
25 YOU KNOW, EMPLOYEES OR DOCS OUT THERE COULD DO AN END RUN



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1 DIRECTLY TO THIS BOARD AND... I MEAN, THE FIRST TIME THAT  
2 HAPPENS, BASICALLY, THE ADVISORY BOARD IS INEFFECTIVE, AS FAR  
3 AS I'M CONCERNED. ONCE THEY MAKE THE END RUN.

4

5 **LEELA KAPUR, COUNSEL:** WHAT I WOULD ENVISION WOULD HAPPEN,  
6 SUPERVISOR, IS THAT, ON A REGULAR BASIS, THE ADVISORY BOARD  
7 WOULD BE PROVIDING YOUR BOARD WITH SUMMARIES OR SPECIFIC  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ISSUES THAT THEY ARE NOTICING AT THE  
9 FACILITY AND AS WELL AS THE STATUS AS TO WHETHER THOSE  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AND THAT THOSE STATUS  
11 REPORTS WOULD GO TO YOUR BOARD, TO THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, AND TO  
12 THE DEPARTMENT AND IT WOULD BE UP TO THOSE THREE BODIES TO  
13 ASSURE THAT THE FACILITY MANAGEMENT IS FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS  
14 AND TAKING THOSE LEADS, WHICH, YOU KNOW, ULTIMATELY, THE  
15 PRESSURE HAS TO COME FROM THE TOP DOWN.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS I WAS CONFUSED BE CAUSE I THOUGHT  
18 ORIGINALLY THE ADVISORY BOARD WAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
19 EXISTENCE OF YOUR CONTRACT. AND WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THE MOMENT  
20 YOU'RE-- BECAUSE THERE ARE MULTIPLE EYES LOOKING AT THAT AND  
21 AUTHORITY GIVEN TO YOU BY US THROUGH CONTRACT AND ON THE  
22 ADVISORY BOARD BASIS, WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN DO THE SAME TO THE  
23 ADVISORY BOARD THAT WE'VE DONE BY CONTRACT TO NAVIGANT TO YOU  
24 AND THAT'S WHAT CONCERNS ME, BECAUSE...

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT WAS ONE OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AS  
2    WELL.

3

4    **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE...

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6    **SUP. KNABE:** THE WHAT?

7

8    **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE-- WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AND THE BYLAWS, I  
9    THINK, WILL BECOME MORE DEFINITIVE FOR YOU RELATIVE TO THE  
10   ACCOUNTABILITY THAT YOU CAN HAVE WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD. BUT  
11   WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY, ONCE WE'RE  
12   GONE, THAT THAT DEEPER SCRUTINY AND DEEPER LEVEL OF OVERSIGHT  
13   OCCUR OF KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER AND THIS IS THE-- TO BRING  
14   THIS INDUSTRY EXPERTISE TOGETHER AND TO PROVIDE THAT TO THEM  
15   ON AN ONGOING BASIS BEYOND THE END OF OUR CONTRACT IS REAL  
16   IMPORTANT TO THE SUSTAINABILITY AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR JOINT  
17   COMMISSION ACCREDITATION PURPOSES AND REGAINING THAT.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH?

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH IS THE OVERSIGHT  
22   AUTHORITY FOR HARBOR-U.C.L.A., GENERAL, OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL,  
23   LOS ALAMEDAS MEDICAL CENTER, U.S.C. GENERAL, AND IS ABLE TO  
24   TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO KEEP THE HOSPITALS OPERATING AS  
25   THEY ARE AND WITH FULL ACCREDITATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WHY



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1 DOES THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH NEED OTHER TOOLS TO BE RESPONSIBLE  
2 FOR KING DREW WHEN HE IS THE AUTHORITY?

3

4 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE-- CLEARLY, IT LOOKS AS IF THE PROBLEMS AT  
5 KING DREW ARE, AT THIS POINT, DEEPER, MORE BROAD SPREAD AND  
6 COMPLEX AND ARE GOING TO TAKE ADDITIONAL INDUSTRY EXPERTISE  
7 AND OVERSIGHT TO GET THIS TURNED AROUND AND TO PROVIDE THE  
8 ONGOING GOVERNANCE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, AGAIN, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH HAS THE  
11 AUTHORITY RIGHT NOW TO HIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF, IF THAT'S WHAT  
12 IS REQUIRED, TO ASSIST HIM IN ENSURING THAT THE HOSPITAL WOULD  
13 BE ACCREDITED AND PERFORMING ACCORDING TO LAW, WHICH IT IS NOT  
14 NOW DOING UNTIL WE'VE TAKEN THESE ACTIONS. SO WHY DO WE WANT  
15 TO REMOVE THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH FROM THIS POSITION OF  
16 AUTHORITY?

17

18 **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE WANT TO ADD ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE TO THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES GOVERNING WORK THAT THEY'VE BEEN  
20 DOING. IT CLEARLY HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT FOR JOINT COMMISSION  
21 ACCREDITATION AND WE BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE IS  
22 REQUIRED.

23



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS IT BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE AN ADEQUATE  
2   STAFF TO ASSIST HIM TO ASSURE THAT KING DREW HAS THE ABILITY  
3   TO MEET ACCREDITATION AND STATE LAW AND FEDERAL LAW?

4

5   **KAE ROBERTSON:** I THINK THE PROBLEMS AT KING DREW ARE BROADER  
6   AND MORE WIDESPREAD THAN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION PROBABLY IN  
7   THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES GROUP RIGHT NOW AND REALLY  
8   REQUIRES MORE OVERSIGHT.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS THAT THIS OVERSIGHT  
11   BODY THAT HAS NO AUTHORITY IS GOING TO CREATE, WOULD IT NOT BE  
12   A BETTER INVESTMENT TO HIRE THE ADDITIONAL PERSON OR PERSONS  
13   TO ASSIST THE DIRECTOR IN HIS AUTHORITY OVER THE HOSPITAL TO  
14   ASSURE THEIR ABILITY TO PERFORM ACCORDING TO LAW AND MEDICAL  
15   STANDARDS INSTEAD OF CREATING A MULTI, MULTI, MULTI-MILLION-  
16   DOLLAR BODY THAT WILL TAKE MONIES OF OUT OF VALUABLE RESOURCES  
17   AND NEEDS AND VITAL SERVICES TO FUND A BODY WITH NO AUTHORITY?

18

19   **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE ADVISORY BOARD IS A VOLUNTEER BOARD AND IT  
20   IS NOT INTENDED THAT WE WOULD PAY A SALARY TO BOARD MEMBERS.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF COURSE NOT BUT YOU ARE GOING TO BE PAYING  
23   THE SALARY FOR A STAFF TO SUPPORT THAT BODY AND THAT STAFF'S  
24   BUDGET IS GOING TO BE IN THE MILLIONS. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A  
25   FULL-TIME STAFF TO SUPPORT AN AUTHORITY 52 WEEKS OUT OF THE



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1 YEAR, NOT WEEKLY OR QUARTERLY MEETINGS THAT THEY MAY HAVE. AND  
2 THAT IS MONEY COMING OUT OF THE COUNTY TREASURY WHEN YOU  
3 ALREADY HAVE A DIRECTOR OF HEALTH WITH AN ADDITIONAL PERSON OR  
4 PERSONS, WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY, BECAUSE HE HAS THE AUTHORITY  
5 TO CARRY OUT THE MANDATE OF THE LAW AS FAR AS MAINTAINING  
6 QUALITY SERVICE.

7

8 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE STAFFING FOR THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD IS  
9 NOT EXPECTED TO BE AS SIGNIFICANT AS THAT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THIS BODY, DO THEY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
12 THE BUDGET?

13

14 **KAE ROBERTSON:** I THINK WHAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE IS THAT  
15 THE BUDGET WILL GO THROUGH THE NORMALCY PROCESS THROUGH D.H.S.  
16 TO THE C.A.O. AND THEN TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY WOULD  
17 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUDGET.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO DO THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RECOMMEND  
20 TAKING FUNDING FROM OTHER HOSPITALS TO BACKFILL KING DREW?

21

22 **KAE ROBERTSON:** THEY WOULD BE WORKING THROUGH THE NORMAL  
23 D.H.S., C.A.O. PROCESS THAT EXISTS TODAY.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE CREATING ANOTHER BODY TO DO THE  
2    SAME FUNCTIONS AS THE BODY THAT WE ALREADY ARE HIRING AND  
3    PAYING SALARIES TO PERFORM?

4

5    **KAE ROBERTSON:** THE WORK OF THE KING DREW HOSPITAL ADVISORY  
6    BOARD IS DIFFERENT THAN THE CURRENT GOVERNING COMMITTEE THAT  
7    MEETS ON A MONTHLY BASIS. IT WOULD BE MORE EXTENSIVE, GO  
8    BEYOND THE REVIEW OF QUALITY ASSURANCE DATA THAT CURRENTLY IS  
9    COVERED AT THAT MONTHLY MEETING.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE  
12   DIRECTOR OF HEALTH WHEN THIS AUTHORITY WHEN YOU'RE  
13   RECOMMENDING THAT HE BE A PART OF THE AUTHORITY?

14

15   **KAE ROBERTSON:** YES. HE WILL BE...

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HE SHOULD TO BE HIS OWN BOSS.

18

19   **KAE ROBERTSON:** HE WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE KING DREW MEDICAL  
20   HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RECOMMENDING TO HIMSELF WHAT OUGHT TO BE  
23   DONE?

24



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1   **KAE ROBERTSON:** HE WILL BE ONE MEMBER OUT OF 13 ON THE ADVISORY  
2   BOARD AND WILL CERTAINLY BRING THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE  
3   DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. THERE WILL BE OTHER INDUSTRY EXPERTS,  
4   PHYSICIANS, WHO WILL BRING EXPERTISE AS IT RELATES TO CLINICAL  
5   CARE AND OTHER QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CLINICAL ISSUES.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THAT NOT BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IF  
8   HE'S RECOMMENDING TO HIMSELF WHAT POLICIES TO FOLLOW?

9

10   **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE WILL BE WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
11   DEVELOP A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR ANYONE WHO IS ON THE  
12   BOARD ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS THAT WOULD NEED TO RECUSE  
13   THEMSELVES IN ANY SITUATION THAT MAY CREATE A CONFLICT OF  
14   INTEREST.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN ALL AUTHORITIES MUST GO THROUGH THE  
17   DIRECTOR OF HEALTH BEFORE IT COMES TO THE BOARD OF  
18   SUPERVISORS, WOULDN'T ANY AND ALL RECOMMENDATIONS BE A  
19   POTENTIAL CONFLICT?

20

21   **KAE ROBERTSON:** I DON'T THINK-- I THINK IT WAS THE BUDGET,  
22   CONTRACTING AND PERSONNEL ISSUES THAT WERE COMING THROUGH THE  
23   DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE C.A.O. OFFICE TO THE BOARD OF  
24   SUPERVISORS.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH, WE HAVE VARIOUS PEOPLE  
2    THAT WANT TO ADDRESS THIS.

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A COUPLE OTHER QUESTIONS. WHEN  
5    MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
6    TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO BE ESTABLISHED  
7    THAT WOULD ASSURE THAT FEDERAL LAWS, SUCH AS PATIENT MEDICAL  
8    RECORD CONFIDENTIALITY, AND OTHERS ARE NOT VIOLATED BY THE  
9    DEPARTMENT WHEN PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION TO THE ADVISORY  
10   BOARD?

11

12   **LEELA KAPUR, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE ARE AWARE OF  
13   THE CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES ON THE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS DO  
14   PROVIDE SOME INSTANCES WHERE THAT INFORMATION CAN BE GIVEN TO  
15   "AGENTS" OF THE COUNTY AND THOSE MAY APPLY IN THIS CASE. IN  
16   OTHER INSTANCES, WE MAY HAVE TO HAVE THEM, THE MEMBERS OF THE  
17   H.A.B., SIGN OFF ON CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS AND WE'LL  
18   ASSURE THOSE ARE IN PLACE BEFORE THEY RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A POTENTIAL CONFLICT WITH THE  
21   DIRECTOR OF-- BEING A MEMBER OF THE DREW UNIVERSITY--  
22   ACTUALLY, IT'S A BOARD CHAIRMAN THAT'S BEING RECOMMENDED. IS  
23   THAT A CONFLICT WHEN THE PERSON WOULD BE VOTING ON DISCUSSIONS  
24   THAT ARE VERY RELATIVE TO THE HOSPITAL AND/OR THE RESIDENTIAL  
25   TRAINING PROGRAMS?



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2 **LEELA KAPUR, COUNSEL:** AS WE SAID IN OUR MEMO TO YOUR BOARD, WE  
3 DON'T BELIEVE AT THIS TIME THE STATE CONFLICT OF INTEREST LAWS  
4 WOULD APPLY TO THIS GROUP. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY WOULD SUGGEST  
5 THAT THE H.A.B. FORMULATE A POLICY REGARDING CONFLICT OF  
6 INTEREST WHICH PARALLELS THOSE LAWS. I WOULD SAY THAT, IN THE  
7 CASE OF THE MEMBER OF THE DREW BOARD, THEY SHOULD BE RECUSING  
8 THEMSELVES FROM ANY DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIONS REGARDING THEIR  
9 CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY AND I WOULD ASSUME THAT NAVIGANT  
10 WOULD ACCEPT THAT RECOMMENDATION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BOARD HAD ASKED TWO OR THREE MONTHS AGO,  
13 WHEN YOU FIRST CAME ON BOARD, DR. GARTHWAITE, WE ASKED FOR THE  
14 SAFETY CHECKLIST FROM THE SAFETY FACILITY MANAGER AT DREW  
15 MEDICAL. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THAT INFORMATION YET, IN LIGHT  
16 OF THE FACT THAT THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS OF THE OPERATING  
17 ROOM AND THE MENTAL HEALTH WARD AND THE INFANT ABDUCTION  
18 SYSTEM WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY, STATE OR  
19 FEDERAL LAW. WHEN WILL WE BE RECEIVING THOSE CHECKLISTS?

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21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I NEED TO CHECK ON THE CHECKLIST. I CAN  
22 TELL YOU THAT HAVE WE HAVE ADDRESSED THE...

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW YOU'VE ADDRESSED THEM BUT THE QUESTION  
25 WAS, HOW LONG WAS THAT INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS SIGNING HIS



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1 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE THAT THE OPERATING ROOM WAS UP TO  
2 OPERATING PROCEDURES AS WERE THE OTHER HEALTH-- MENTAL HEALTH  
3 WARD AND THE INFANT ABDUCTION SYSTEM?

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WHAT WE HAVE FOUND OUT IS THAT THERE  
6 WAS, AT ONE POINT, A SPECIFIC POSITION FOR SAFETY OFFICER THAT  
7 WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS THAT AND  
8 ADDITIONAL DUTIES. WE HAVE MADE A CHANGE IN THE SUPERVISION OF  
9 THAT INDIVIDUAL AND WE'RE CURRENTLY-- NAVIGANT IS WORKING TO  
10 ASSESS THE SUITABILITY OF THAT INDIVIDUAL TO CARRY OUT THE  
11 SAFETY DUTIES AND/OR THE NEED FOR A FULL-TIME SAFETY OFFICER.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST  
14 THAT INDIVIDUAL?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AGAINST THE SUPERVISOR OR THE  
17 INDIVIDUAL SAFETY OFFICER?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, IF YOU HAVE AN OPERATING ROOM THAT IS  
20 UNSAFE FOR OPERATION, YOU HAVE A MIXING OF SANITARY EQUIPMENT,  
21 TOOLS WITH NONSANITARY, UNSANITARY TOOLS AND YOU HAD  
22 CONTAMINATION THERE ALONG WITH THE PROBLEMS IN THE MENTAL  
23 HEALTH WARD WITH CLEAR SAFETY VIOLATIONS THAT WOULD CREATE A  
24 FIRE OR A DEATH TO EITHER AN INMATE OR A STAFF PERSONNEL,  
25 SOMEBODY HAD TO BE SIGNING OFF ON THOSE CHECKLISTS THAT



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1 EVERYTHING WAS OKAY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE HAVE BE GOING INTO  
2 THOSE FACILITIES FOR YEARS UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS AND SOMEBODY  
3 OUGHT TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT...

4

5 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AMAZINGLY ENOUGH, THEY HAVE BEEN  
6 INSPECTED MANY TIMES BY MANY OUTSIDE AGENCIES AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AGAIN, IT DOESN'T MATTER. HAVE YOU MADE A  
9 RECOMMENDATION THAT WE NOT HIRE THOSE OUTSIDE AGENCIES, IF  
10 THEY WERE STILL BEING HIRED? THAT THEY WOULD NEVER BE HIRED  
11 AGAIN? AND, AGAIN, THE PERSONNEL THAT OVERSEES THEM, I WOULD  
12 SAY YOU NEED-- YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PATIENTS AT  
13 EVERY MEDICAL FACILITY THAT WE TAKE THOSE CONSIDERATIONS OR  
14 THOSE VIOLATIONS OF POLICY OF SERIOUS CONCERN BECAUSE IT DOES  
15 THREATEN THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I CAN SAY WITH REGARDS TO THE OPERATING  
18 ROOM, WE HAVE REMOVED THE INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OF THE  
19 OPERATING ROOM, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN THE OVERALL  
20 SAFETY OF THE INSTITUTION. AND SO THAT PERSON HAS BEEN REMOVED  
21 FROM THEIR POSITION. WITH REGARDS TO THE OTHERS, WE'RE STILL  
22 UNDERGOING THIS ASSESSMENT AS TO, YOU KNOW, THE NATURE OF  
23 THOSE SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS AND WHETHER THIS INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS  
24 BEEN IN CHARGE OF SAFETY CAN CARRY OUT OTHER FUNCTIONS OR



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1 WHETHER WE NEED THAT FUNCTION SEPARATE AND WE HAVE REMOVED THE  
2 SUPERVISOR OF THAT INDIVIDUAL FROM HIS POSITION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT TO THE BOARD, ONCE  
5 AGAIN, THOSE SIGN-OFF CHECKLISTS THAT EVERYTHING WAS WELL,  
6 ACCORDING TO THE PERSON OR PERSONS OR AGENCY WHO MADE THEM AT  
7 THE TIME OF THEIR SAFETY CHECK SO WE COULD HAVE THAT  
8 INFORMATION.

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** AND I WASN'T AWARE...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? YOUR QUESTIONS.  
13 AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND YOU, WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO  
14 SPEAK AND WE HAVE OTHER ITEMS TO TAKE UP.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I HAVE SOME COMMENTS BUT I WANT TO ASK  
17 A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS FIRST. WHEN ARE THE REST OF THE MEMBERS  
18 GOING TO BE SELECTED OR RECOMMENDED TO US?

19

20 **KAE ROBERTSON:** WE HAD HOPED TO HAVE MORE NAMES FOR YOU TODAY.  
21 IT TOOK US UNTIL FRIDAY TO GET ALL THE APPROVALS...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS?

24



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1   **KAE ROBERTSON:** IT WILL PROBABLY BE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF  
2   WEEKS. NO LONGER. WE HAVE CONTACT WITH THE MAJORITY OF THEM.

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE  
5   BOARD AGAIN? ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW, I THINK PART OF THE  
6   CONFUSION IS, MAYBE THE TERM YOU'VE USED FROM THE BEGINNING, A  
7   BUFFER. I DON'T THINK THAT IS REALLY WHAT THIS IS. I THINK  
8   IT'S MORE OF A FUNNEL OF INFORMATION, NOT A BUFFER. A BUFFER  
9   IMPLIES SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE KEPT AWAY FROM THE BOARD.  
10   A FUNNEL IS A WAY TO ENSURE THAT RELEVANT INFORMATION GETS  
11   DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE IN  
12   MIND.

13

14   **KAE ROBERTSON:** THAT'S CORRECT.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND MAYBE JUST THAT NOMENCLATURE WOULD-- YOU  
17   KNOW, MAYBE THERE'S A BETTER WORD, WOULD ELIMINATE SOME OF THE  
18   CONFUSION. I HOPE-- I KNOW BETTER THAN TO HOPE FOR THIS, I'LL  
19   HOPE FOR THINGS THAT ARE ACHIEVABLE BUT I DO HOPE THAT WE  
20   DON'T HAVE TO DEBATE THIS EVERY SINGLE TIME IT COMES UP. IT'S  
21   NOT AS THOUGH WE HAVEN'T DEBATED THIS, IT'S NOT AS THOUGH WE  
22   DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS OR SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ARE,  
23   IT'S NOT AS THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE SOME KIND OF ANALYSIS AS TO  
24   WHY WE'RE IN THE SITUATION WE'RE IN, THERE ARE A LOT OF  
25   REASONS FOR IT. PART OF THE REASON AND IT IS UNIQUE TO THIS



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1 HOSPITAL MORE THAN ANY OTHER ONE, FOR WHATEVER THE REASON, IS  
2 THAT INFORMATION, I'VE HEARD DR. GARTHWAITE COMPLAIN TO ME  
3 ABOUT IT, I KNOW HE'S COMPLAINED TO THE BOARD ABOUT IT, THAT  
4 INFORMATION AT THE HOSPITAL WAS NOT GETTING UP THE CHAIN. NOW,  
5 YOU CAN BLAME DR. GARTHWAITE FOR THAT. YOU CAN ALSO BLAME EACH  
6 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THAT BECAUSE WE'RE ALL  
7 RESPONSIBLE. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE BUCK STOPS HERE, NOT  
8 WITH HIM BUT HERE. SO WHILE THERE'S PLENTY OF RESPONSIBILITY  
9 TO BE AFFIXED ALL OVER THE PLACE, IT'S NOT AS THOUGH YOU'RE  
10 GETTING OFF THE HOOK WHEN YOU POINT A FINGER AT SOMEBODY ELSE  
11 AND THAT'S THE FINE LINE THAT I THINK THIS BOARD HAS TO WALK.  
12 I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION THAT ALL OF US ARE NOT  
13 HAPPY ABOUT THE PREDICAMENT THIS HOSPITAL IS IN AND NONE OF US  
14 ARE HAPPY ABOUT HAVING READ THE HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF ANALYSIS  
15 THAT WAS DONE BY THE CONSULTANT AND NOT A ONE OF US, AND I  
16 ASSUME DR. GARTHWAITE MAY BE ONE OF THEM, WHO WONDERES WHY WE  
17 COULDN'T HAVE GLEANED JUST SOME OF THAT INFORMATION WITHOUT  
18 PAYING \$13 MILLION AND GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS BUT WE  
19 DIDN'T. WHATEVER THE REASONS ARE, WE DIDN'T. AND, AT LEAST AS  
20 FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, PART OF THE PROBLEM IS STRUCTURAL AND I  
21 THINK THAT WAS ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS YOU SAW WHEN YOU CAME  
22 IN, THE FIRST MEETING YOU AND I HAD, YOU WERE MORE FOCUSED ON  
23 THE PROBLEMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND OF INFORMATION TRANSMITTAL  
24 AND TRANSPARENCY AT KING THAN YOU WERE ABOUT A HEALTH  
25 AUTHORITY SYSTEM-WIDE OR ALMOST ANY OF THE OTHER THOUSAND



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1 RECOMMENDATIONS YOU MADE BECAUSE, IF YOU CAN'T GET TO THIS  
2 ISSUE, THEN YOU CAN'T GET TO ANY OF THE OTHERS, FOR THE VERY  
3 REASON THAT'S BEEN SUGGESTED HERE ALREADY. WHAT'S GOING TO  
4 CHANGE? WELL, IF YOU DON'T HAVE-- IF YOU SHOOT DOWN EVERY IDEA  
5 THAT THE CONSULTANT HAS COME UP WITH TO IMPROVE INFORMATION  
6 TRANSMITTAL UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, INCLUDING UP TO THIS  
7 LEVEL, IF YOU SHOOT DOWN EVERY IDEA THEY HAVE, THEN IT'S THAT  
8 OLD SAYING, IF YOU DO THE SAME DAMN THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN,  
9 YOU'RE GOING TO GET THE SAME DAMN RESULT. AND THAT'S EXACTLY  
10 WHERE YOU'RE HEADED IF YOU'RE GOING TO START SHOOTING DOWN  
11 THESE IDEAS. THIS IS NOT A HEALTH AUTHORITY AND ONE OUGHT TO  
12 BE LESS STUBBORN IN THEIR THINKING AND A LITTLE MORE OPEN-  
13 MINDED TO SOLVING A PROBLEM THAN JUST TO SAY NYET, NYET, NYET,  
14 WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE. NOT ALL OF US. ONE OF US. AND  
15 I WOULD REALLY URGE THAT WE MOVE SWIFTLY. TO ME, THIS IS THE  
16 MOST CRITICAL THING BECAUSE, IF WE DON'T HAVE THIS KIND OF AN  
17 IMPROVEMENT OF INFORMATION TRANSMITTAL UP TO OUR LEVEL, THEN  
18 ALL WE'RE GOING TO BE IN THE POSITION OF DOING IS READING  
19 ABOUT OURSELVES IN THE NEWSPAPERS AGAIN AND ONE OR MORE OF US  
20 ARE GOING TO BE TRYING TO FIND SOMEBODY TO BLAME FOR IT. BUT  
21 THE BLAME, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE BUCK STOPS HERE AND IT'S  
22 OUR JOB TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT A DIFFERENT STRUCTURE OF HOW WE  
23 CAN GET AT THAT INFORMATION THAT IS CLEARLY REPOSITED AT THAT  
24 HOSPITAL BUT JUST DIDN'T GET OUT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THAT  
25 HOSPITAL, SOMETIMES THROUGH QUITE A BIT OF EFFORT ON THE PART



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1 OF PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL TO KEEP THAT INFORMATION FROM  
2 GETTING OUT AND PARTLY JUST THE WAY IT IS. AND I THINK THAT'S  
3 IN THE INTERESTS OF WHOEVER THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH IS, WHETHER  
4 IT'S GARTHWAITE, HIS SUCCESSOR, HIS PREDECESSOR. DOESN'T  
5 MATTER. IT'S NOT ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL HERE. THIS IS STRUCTURAL.  
6 ANY HOSPITAL THAT I KNOW OF IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND I HAVE  
7 A FEW OF THEM IN MY PART OF TOWN, ALL HAVE A BOARD OF  
8 DIRECTORS AND MANY OF THEM, MANY OF THEM HAVE THEIR CHIEF  
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SITTING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WHETHER  
10 THAT'S A GOOD IDEA OR NOT A GOOD IDEA I GUESS IS DEBATABLE. AT  
11 DISNEY STUDIOS, THEY DECIDED IT WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA. AT  
12 CEDARS-SINAI, THEY DECIDED IT WAS A GOOD IDEA AND I GUESS IT  
13 DEPENDS ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AND WHATEVER-- IT'S A DEBATABLE  
14 ISSUE. BUT THERE'S NO DEBATE AS TO WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE A  
15 BOARD THAT TAKES SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT GOES ON AT THE  
16 HOSPITAL. NOW, THE DIFFERENCE IN THE COMPLEXITY IS THAT WE'RE  
17 SUPPOSED TO BE THAT BOARD ON PAPER. THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
18 IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR RANCHO LOS  
19 AMIGOS, FOR HARBOR, FOR OLIVE VIEW AND FOR KING AND I'M  
20 MISSING ONE. L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. NO, THAT'S GLORIA'S JOB. SHE'S  
21 THE BOARD. [ LAUGHTER ]

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'RE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ALL OF THEM.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2    FOR ALL OF THEM AND WE'RE ALSO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE  
3    DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND FOR THE-- YOU KNOW--  
4    ON AND ON, EVERY ONE OF OUR 30 SOME ODD DEPARTMENTS. NOW, I  
5    DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYBODY IN THIS TOWN AND CERTAINLY NOT IN  
6    THIS GOVERNMENT WHO BELIEVES THAT WE COULD NOT PERHAPS  
7    DELEGATE SOME FOCUSED KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT WOULD HELP  
8    US DO THAT JOB BETTER BECAUSE ULTIMATELY WE'RE GOING TO BE  
9    RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS. I'M NOT SATISFIED WITH THE LEVEL  
10   OF INFORMATION THAT'S COME MY WAY AND, WHILE I'D LOVE TO BE  
11   ABLE TO JUST BLAME DR. GARTHWAITE, IT WOULD BE DISINGENUOUS OF  
12   ME JUST TO BLAME DR. GARTHWAITE OR JUST TO BLAME ME OR JUST TO  
13   BLAME YOU. IT'S NOT-- IT'S NOT ABOUT ANY INDIVIDUAL, IT'S  
14   ABOUT A SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR SO LONG THAT A  
15   CULTURE GREW UP AT THIS PARTICULAR FACILITY THAT RESISTED THE-  
16   - OR PREVENTED THE INFORMATION FROM WORKING ITS WAY UP. I'M  
17   NOT-- I DON'T CARE WHAT THE REASON IS FOR IT. AT LEAST WE NOW  
18   KNOW THAT'S THE SITUATION. SO LET'S FIX IT. AND I THOUGHT THIS  
19   WAS A PERFECTLY SOUND AND, ACTUALLY, MODEST IDEA OF HOW TO  
20   DEAL WITH IT. IT DOESN'T REQUIRE STATE LEGISLATION, IT DOESN'T  
21   REQUIRE JUMPING THROUGH A LOT OF HOOPS. IT REALLY IS, LET'S  
22   GET THE BEST MINDS THAT WE HAVE, LET'S CALL ON THEM IN THE  
23   JOHN KENNEDY SPIRIT OF "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTY CAN DO FOR  
24   YOU BUT WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTY" AND LET'S BRING IN  
25   SOME OF THESE FOLKS AND SOME OF THEM ARE READY TO STEP UP AND



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1 OTHERS WILL. AND IF IT'S A DISASTER, WHICH IT WON'T BE, BUT IF  
2 IT'S A DISASTER, WHAT'S THE WORST THING THAT'LL HAPPEN? CAN IT  
3 BE ANY WORSE THAN IT IS? YOU HAVE EVERY AGENCY IN THE COUNTRY  
4 THAT LOOKS AT HOSPITALS HAVE TOLD YOU WHAT THEY THINK OF THIS  
5 HOSPITAL. YOU'VE HAD EVERY ACCREDITING AGENCY. EVERYTHING HAS  
6 BEEN DONE NEGATIVELY TO THIS HOSPITAL SHORT OF PULLING THE  
7 FEDERAL FUNDING AND WE GOT THIS CLOSE TO THAT. YOU KNOW, AT  
8 SOME POINT, AT SOME POINT, YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY MIGHT ASK THE  
9 QUESTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, "DON'T YOU GET IT?" SO I  
10 GET IT AND I WANT TO FIX IT AND I THINK MOST OF US-- ALL OF US  
11 WANT TO FIX IT. SOME OF US MAY HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS OF HOW WE  
12 GO ABOUT FIXING IT. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT DOING IT THE SAME WAY  
13 WE'VE DONE IT FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS IS THE WAY TO FIX IT AND I  
14 THINK YOU CAME UP WITH A VERY MODEST IDEA. WE CAN DEBATE ABOUT  
15 THE HEALTH-- THIS IS NOT THE HEALTH AUTHORITY. THIS IS A  
16 VEHICLE TO HELP-- TO BETTER INFORM US SO THAT WE CAN MAKE  
17 BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS THAN WE'VE BEEN MAKING. WE HAVE NOT  
18 MADE VERY MANY INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THIS HOSPITAL BECAUSE  
19 WE WERE OPERATING IN THE DARK, IN THE BLIND. AND THAT'S  
20 BASICALLY THE WAY IT WAS. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S A  
21 GOOD THING AND YOU THINK, IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, YOU WILL FILL  
22 IN THE BLANKS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE KATHY OCHOA, WHO WISHES  
2   TO ADDRESS US, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, CELES KING AND PETER  
3   BAXTER, IF THEY WOULD JOIN US.

4

5   **KATHY OCHOA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
6   SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KATHY OCHOA. I AM HERE TODAY  
7   REPRESENTING S.E.I.U LOCAL 660. A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THE  
8   BOARD LETTER TODAY. IT'S NOT VERY CLEAR WHAT ACTION YOU'RE  
9   GOING TO TAKE OTHER THAN A DIRECTION. I THINK, HAVING QUICKLY  
10  READ THE MEMO, IN THE CONTEXT OF HAVING READ THE 1,000 IDEAS  
11  AND COLOR-CODED THEM FOR AREAS OF CONCERN, ET CETERA, SOME OF  
12  THEM ARE HELPFUL, SOME OF THEM ARE ESSENTIAL, SOME OF THEM WE  
13  CAN DO WITHOUT. BUT, IN ANY CASE, I THINK IT WOULD BE  
14  IMPORTANT IN LOOKING AT THE CHART OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE  
15  HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD, THE VOLUNTEER GROUP AND THE CHARTER  
16  OF RESPONSIBILITIES IMBEDDED IN THE 1,000 IDEAS THAT NAVIGANT  
17  IS ULTIMATELY AND FUNDAMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR, IT WOULD  
18  BEHOOVE THIS BOARD TO REQUEST A GRID OF SOME SORT BECAUSE  
19  THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS IN THE ADVISORY BOARD LIST THAT ARE  
20  ALSO IN THE NAVIGANT CONTRACT AND/OR IN THE NAVIGANT 1,000  
21  IDEAS. SO IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO SORT OUT WHO HAS THE FUNDAMENTAL  
22  AND PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO QUALITY  
23  CREDENTIALING RELATIONSHIPS WITH MED SCHOOLS, ET CETERA.  
24  SECONDLY, I WOULD REQUEST THAT THE CRITERIA BY WHICH NAVIGANT  
25  IS MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD AND THE C.A.O. BE



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1 POSTED ON THE WEBSITE SO THAT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE NET IS CAST  
2 AND I WOULD-- WE HAVEN'T BEEN CONTACTED YET BY NAVIGANT BUT I  
3 AM HOPING THAT THEY WILL VIEW THE LABOR UNION AS A PARTNER IN  
4 REBUILDING THIS INSTITUTION AS WE HAVE SERVED THE COUNTY WELL  
5 ON RANCHO LOS AMIGOS, ON THE ISSUE OF REBUILDING  
6 L.A.C./U.S.C., ON THE WAIVER, ON MEASURE B, ET CETERA. I HAD  
7 ANOTHER QUESTION, SUPERVISORS. PERHAPS NAVIGANT CAN CLARIFY.  
8 WHEN NAVIGANT'S C.E.O. IS GOING TO STAFF THIS COMMITTEE, I'VE  
9 SERVED ON MANY OF YOUR COMMITTEES AND THEY DO TAKE AN  
10 INCREDIBLE LEVEL OF STAFFING, ARE WE TO ASSUME THAT'S WITHIN  
11 THEIR EXISTING RESOURCES OR WILL THERE BE A BUDGET  
12 MODIFICATION TO COVER THOSE ADDITIONAL COSTS? I THINK WE  
13 SHOULD HAVE THAT ANSWER. AND FINALLY, SUPERVISORS, ON NOVEMBER  
14 23RD, YOU TOOK A COUPLE OF POSITIONS THAT YOU VOTED ON. ONE OF  
15 THEM WAS YOU ESTABLISHED A GOAL FOR THE RESTORATION OF KING  
16 DREW TRAUMA, ET CETERA, AND NAVIGANT, IN THEIR MOST RECENT  
17 REPORT, HAS AFFIRMED THAT AS A GOAL. I THINK THAT THAT SHOULD  
18 BE IMBEDDED IN THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD'S SET OF CRITERIA.  
19 AND WE GAVE A VERY SPECIFIC TASK ON THAT DAY TO THE KING DREW  
20 ADVISORY GROUP AND THAT WAS, AND I QUOTE, "MAKE  
21 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF RESIDENT TRAINING PROGRAMS  
22 AT KING DREW, INCLUDING THE NUMBER AND CONFIGURATION OF  
23 TRAINING PROGRAMS AT KING DREW AND A PROCESS AND TIME LINE TO  
24 ACHIEVE THIS GOAL AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND A TIME LINE FOR  
25 ACHIEVING GREATER COLLABORATION AND INTEGRATION OF TRAINING



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1 PROGRAMS BETWEEN KING DREW AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
2 SERVICES TEACHING FACILITIES." AND YOU TOOK THIS MOTION IN THE  
3 SPIRIT OF ALL COUNTY HOSPITALS AND ALL COUNTY PARTNERS BEING A  
4 PART OF THE SOLUTION. THIS CONCEPT WAS NOT A NOVEL CONCEPT IN  
5 NOVEMBER 23RD. IT'S BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME. IT HASN'T BEEN  
6 ACTED UPON AND I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT, WHEN IT'S DESCRIBED  
7 HERE IN THIS BOARD MEMO, IT'S DILUTED SO THAT THE COMMITTEE  
8 SORT OF CONFERS WITH D.H.S., IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY-- AND THEN  
9 WHO ULTIMATELY IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE? SO I THINK THERE'S  
10 SOME KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT IT WOULD BE WELL SERVED  
11 TO HAVE THEM GRIDDED OUT...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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15 **KATHY OCHOA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS OCHOA. DR. CLAVREUL?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A QUESTION.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OF KATHY?

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF KATHY, YEAH. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF  
24 HAVING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WHO IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY  
25 AND WILL REMAIN THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY, HAVING MONTHLY OR



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1 QUARTERLY MEETINGS ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY TO  
2 MARTIN LUTHER KING MEDICAL CENTER AND/OR EACH OF THE HOSPITALS  
3 ONCE A MONTH?

4

5 **KATHY OCHOA:** WELL, WE BELIEVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
6 HAS-- IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY AND IS VESTED WITH THAT  
7 AUTHORITY. INsofar AS THE DEBATE AROUND GOVERNANCE, WE HAVE  
8 TAKEN A POSITION IN THE PAST THAT, FOR OUR UNION, FOR US, THE  
9 PRIMARY CHALLENGES AFFECTING OUR SYSTEM HAVE TO DO WITH THE  
10 PRECARIOUSNESS OF OUR FUNDING AND THAT WE THINK THAT WE ALL  
11 NEED TO PUSH HARD AND DIRECT OUR ATTENTION AND NOT BE DIVERTED  
12 BY THE OCCASIONAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT GOVERNANCE. AND WE HAVEN'T  
13 MODIFIED THAT OPINION YET AND WE CERTAINLY ARE OPEN TO HAVING  
14 DISCUSSIONS. BUT WE BELIEVE-- WE NEED TO KNOW WHO-- FOR ALL OF  
15 THIS LIST OF-- I MEAN, I'M ASKING FOR A GRID. IT'S NOT CLEAR  
16 WHO IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT PIECE. AND WE'RE ON  
17 THE GROUND. WE HAVE VERY GOOD INSIGHT AS TO HOW NAVIGANT IS  
18 FUNCTIONING ON THE GROUND AND WHERE SOME OF THE PITFALLS OR  
19 THE BLIND SPOTS MIGHT BE.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DID YOU KNOW BEFORE, KATHY?

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23 **KATHY OCHOA:** YEAH.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU DID?



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2 **KATHY OCHOA:** PARDON ME?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU KNEW BEFORE?

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6 **KATHY OCHOA:** I KNEW BEFORE WHAT?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHERE THE PITFALLS WOULD BE.

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10 **KATHY OCHOA:** YES, SUPERVISOR, AND, YOU KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO  
11 BE DISRESPECTFUL HERE BUT, ON NUMEROUS OCCASION, WE'VE BROUGHT  
12 THEM TO YOUR ATTENTION. BUT THAT...

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BROUGHT THEM TO OUR ATTENTION ABOUT THE  
15 NURSES THAN WEREN'T CERTIFIED AND DIDN'T HAVE THE PROPER  
16 TRAINING AND...

17

18 **KATHY OCHOA:** ACTUALLY, THAT IS-- THAT'S NOT OUR  
19 RESPONSIBILITY. WE DON'T RUN THE HOSPITAL. HOWEVER...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND.

22

23 **KATHY OCHOA:** ...HOWEVER, SUPERVISOR, LET ME ASK YOU THIS  
24 QUESTION BECAUSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR NURSES. WHEN IT WAS  
25 BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT YOUR MANAGERS FALSIFIED AND



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1 FORCED OUR NURSES TO FALSIFY SIGNATURES THAT THEY HAD BEEN--  
2 THEY HAD UNDERGONE A COMPETENCY EXAM, WE WERE OUTRAGED. NOT  
3 ONLY THAT, WE IMMEDIATELY SAID, "WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO GET  
4 ALL OF THOSE NURSES QUALIFIED AND UP TO SPEED?"

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO ALERTING ME TO THAT BEFORE  
7 NOW, KATHY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **KATHY OCHOA:** WELL, I CAN SIT HERE ALL-- WE CAN START TOMORROW  
10 AND HAVE A DAILY CONVERSATION...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, KATHY.

13

14 **KATHY OCHOA:** YEAH, SUPERVISOR. IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO PRETEND  
15 THESE THINGS DON'T EXIST.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** KATHY...

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19 **KATHY OCHOA:** THEY DON'T ONLY HAPPEN AT KING DREW. SO WE CAN  
20 EITHER...

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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24 **KATHY OCHOA:** WE CAN EITHER MOVE FORWARD IN THE SPIRIT OF  
25 COOPERATION OR NOT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, THAT'S THE WORD, COOPERATION.

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4 **KATHY OCHOA:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

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8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE  
9 CLAVREUL. ANYWAY, I'M ALWAYS AMAZED, YOU KNOW, EVERY TIME I  
10 COME HERE. BUT, FIRST, I AM VERY SURPRISED AT THAT SO-CALLED  
11 HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD. YES, MANY HOSPITALS HAVE ADVISORY  
12 BOARDS AND THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT BUT MOST OF THE TIME THE  
13 C.E.O. WHICH, IN OUR CASE HERE, WOULD BE THE D.H.S. DO NOT  
14 HAVE ANY VOTE. AND WE HAVE A SITUATION HERE, A LOT OF THE  
15 FUNCTIONS THAT THAT GROUP WAS GOING...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT TRUE.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** IT IS. I'VE BEEN AROUND 36 YEARS IN A  
20 HOSPITAL. I KNOW MOST OF THE...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'VE BEEN AROUND HERE FOR THE LAST 10, SO  
23 I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU-- IT'S JUST NOT TRUE, SO I JUST...

24



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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, IT IS TRUE IN MOST HOSPITALS.

2 AND, IN THIS SITUATION, YOU HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE PART OF  
3 THE PROBLEM WHO GET TO VOTE. YOU HAVE THE D.H.S...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, JUST DON'T MAKE STATEMENTS THAT AREN'T  
6 DEFENSIBLE.

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** LET ME FINISH MY-- THOSE ARE MY THREE  
9 MINUTES, YOU KNOW. YOU WASTE ENOUGH TIME OF THE PUBLIC. DON'T  
10 WASTE MINE. ANYWAY, YOU HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOTING  
11 PRIVILEGES WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE BECAUSE THOSE THREE INDIVIDUALS  
12 ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM. THEY HAVE BEEN FROM THE BEGINNING.  
13 ALSO, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THERE WILL BE NO COST. HOW THOSE  
14 PEOPLE GOING TO SERVE? THEY'RE GOING TO NEED AN ERROR AND  
15 OMISSION INSURANCE. AND, IF THEY SIT ON THAT ADVISORY BOARD  
16 WITHOUT ERROR AND OMISSION, THEY ARE FOOLS.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, I THINK THAT WE'VE SAID-- WE LOOKED AT THAT  
19 ISSUE AND WE SAID THE COUNTY, IT WOULD BE COVERED UNDER THE  
20 COUNTY'S GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WE ARE SELF-INSURED.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, ALSO, YOU KNOW, THE CAMDEN GROUP  
23 WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE CHECKED ALL THOSE COMPETENCY OF R.N. WE  
24 PAID THEM ALMOST \$1 MILLION FOR THAT AND THAT WAS A VERY  
25 SPECIFIC FUNCTION. ALMOST EVERY WEEK, I BROUGHT THAT PROBLEM



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1 TO YOUR ATTENTION. YOU DID NOT LISTEN. WE PAY PEOPLE RIGHT AND  
2 LEFT. LIKE ARE PAYING THE NAVIGANT GROUP NOW 13.2 MILLION.  
3 THINGS ARE NOT GETTING BETTER, THEY ARE GETTING WORSE. IT'S  
4 ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER. YOU ADDING LAYER AND LAYER OF  
5 INCOMPETENCE. IT'S NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. YOU HAVE  
6 THE PEOPLE ON THAT-- YOU KNOW, PROPOSE THE PROGRAMS WHO HAVE  
7 BEEN THE ONES WHO FORCED THE CLOSURE OF THE TRAUMA CENTER. MR.  
8 GENE LOTT IS ONE WHO PUSHED FOR THE CLOSURE OF THE TRAUMA  
9 CENTER. YOU NEED A NEUTRAL BODY, A COMPETENT NEUTRAL BODY, NOT  
10 SOMEBODY WHO WANTED TO DESTROY THE HOSPITAL TO START WITH.  
11 AND, YOU KNOW, I'M VERY AMAZED. YOUR MAIN PROBLEM IS NURSING.  
12 THE NAVIGANT GROUP HAVING, MR. DAVID JANSSEN, MANAGED TO WRITE  
13 SEVEN PAGES OF INFORMATION WITH NOT A NAME OF NURSING  
14 MENTIONED ONCE. NOT ONCE. OH, YES, MISS KAE ROBINSON, C.N.O.  
15 YOUR MAIN PROBLEM IS NURSING. IT'S GOING TO REMAIN NURSING AND  
16 IT WOULD BE NICE IF SOME OF YOU, IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE  
17 ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH I THINK IS NOT NECESSARY, IT WOULD BE  
18 NICE IF NURSING WOULD HAVE A PLACE IN IT. IT MAY SOLVE SOME OF  
19 YOUR PROBLEMS. AND I THINK BEFORE WE PAY MORE PEOPLE OVER AND  
20 OVER AGAIN, IT IS OBVIOUS RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS  
21 THAT ARE NOT WORKING. NAVIGANT HAS BEEN ON BOARD FOR OVER  
22 THREE MONTHS...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, DR. CLAVREUL?

25



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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. I WOULD LIKE GET BACK THE FEW  
2 MINUTES I LOST. I THINK RIGHT NOW, NAVIGANT HAS BEEN ON BOARD  
3 FOR A FEW MONTHS ALREADY. WE STILL HAVE PROBLEMS. WE STILL  
4 HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM WITH COMPETENCY AND COMPETENCY OF NURSES.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. MR. KING.

7

8 **CELES KING IV:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. IN REGARD TO THE  
9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE, I KIND OF AM AT A LOSS AS TO HOW AN  
10 ADVISORY BOARD OR GROUP COULD BE EFFECTIVE WITH NO AUTHORITY,  
11 WHEN THEY MEET ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND REPORT TO YOU ONLY  
12 QUARTERLY, WHICH SEEMS EXTREMELY FAR REMOVED. IT NEEDS TO HAVE  
13 A SITUATION WHERE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ADVISORY BOARD,  
14 THAT THAT ADVISORY BOARD CAN PUT FORTH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS  
15 IMMEDIATELY THAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, IF  
16 NAVIGANT'S BEING PAID 13.2 MILLION TO DO A JOB, IT SEEMS THAT  
17 THEY OUGHT TO DO IT AND I THINK THAT THEY ARE BEGINNING TO PUT  
18 THE THINGS INTO PLACE TO DO THAT. ON TOP OF THAT, WHEN YOU  
19 TALK ABOUT RECEIVING INFORMATION IN TERMS OF THE INFORMATION  
20 FLOWING AND BEING A FUNNEL OR A CONDUIT, AS SUCH, YOU KNOW,  
21 THE INFORMATION THAT'S GOING TO COME THROUGH IS ONLY GOING TO  
22 BE AS TRANSPARENT AS THE INFORMATION THAT IS GIVEN TO THEM AND  
23 THAT INFORMATION IS GOING TO BE PROBABLY VERY GOOD IN THE  
24 BEGINNING BECAUSE IT'LL BE COMING FROM NAVIGANT. BUT, AFTER  
25 NAVIGANT LEAVES, WHAT HAS TO BE IN PLACE IS HAS TO BE



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1   COMPETENT MANAGEMENT AT THE HIERARCHY OVER THERE, PEOPLE WHO  
2   ARE GOING TO BE EXPERTS IN DOING WHAT THEY'RE DOING, DO IT  
3   WELL AND DO IT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF BEING ABLE TO REPORT TO  
4   ANYBODY, WHETHER IT BE AN ADVISORY BOARD OR TO D.H.S. OR  
5   STRAIGHT DIRECTLY TO THIS PARTICULAR BOARD. AND THE OTHER  
6   THING IS, IS NURSING, AS THE DOCTOR WAS SAYING. WHILE NAVIGANT  
7   IS COMPLYING WITH MOST OF THE, WHAT IS IT, 394 OR SOMETHING I  
8   THINK IT IS, THEY'RE DOING IT BASICALLY WITH TRAVELING NURSES  
9   AND WITH REGISTRY NURSES. AND WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS WE HAVE  
10  GOT TO GET AWAY FROM TRAVELING AND REGISTRY NURSES. WE'VE GOT  
11  TO GET IN PLACE NURSING THAT WILL BE THERE, THAT WILL HAVE A  
12  LOYALTY TO THIS PARTICULAR HOSPITAL AND BE GLAD THAT THEY'RE  
13  THERE. THAT'S ABOUT ALL. THANK YOU.

14

15  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU YOU, MR. KING. MR. BAXTER.

16

17  **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
18  MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND  
19  I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THAT THIS  
20  PROPOSAL COMES AFTER YEARS OF EXHAUSTIVE PRESENTATIONS AND  
21  DISCUSSIONS BEFORE YOUR HONORABLE BOARD ON THE PROBLEMS FACING  
22  THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. THIS PROCEDURE IS DIFFERENT,  
23  VERY DIFFERENT, FROM THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY THE FIRE  
24  DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE  
25  PROTECTION FOR HUNDREDS OF HOMEOWNERS IN FOREST FIRE STORMS.



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1 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION IN THE  
2 EVENT OF HIGH-RISE FIRES, A THE FIRES IN THE TWIN TOWERS IN  
3 MANHATTAN DEMONSTRATED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO  
4 PROVIDE TIMELY PROTECTION TO VICTIMS OF FIRE-TRAPPED-- VICTIMS  
5 OF FIRE TRAPPED BEHIND SECURITY BARS IN HOMES AND APARTMENT  
6 HOUSES. THERE IS NO ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.  
7 THERE'S NOT EVEN A PRESENTATION BY THE FIRE CHIEF IN PUBLIC TO  
8 DISCUSS THESE UNIVERSAL FAILURES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. GOD  
9 BLESS THEM, AND GOD BLESS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE BUT THE FIRE  
10 CHIEF WAS HERE TODAY. FOR WHAT PURPOSE? TO TAKE-- TO GET  
11 ANOTHER AWARD. I'M NOT SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT THE AWARD, I'M  
12 JUST SAYING THAT'S THE ONLY TIME I EVER SEE THE FIRE CHIEF AND  
13 WE DON'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT HIS UNIVERSAL FAILURE TO DO  
14 ANYTHING ABOUT FIRE. AND THEN YOUR SUPERVISOR FROM THE THIRD  
15 DISTRICT IS VERY CONFIDENT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE IDEALISTIC BUT  
16 WHO ARE NOT PRACTICAL, CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT ALL THEIR  
17 IDEALISM, SO, THEREFORE, IF A PERSON IS IDEALISTIC BUT NOT  
18 PRACTICAL, TOO BAD. WHEN I OFFERED THE USE OF STEAM AS AN  
19 ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF FIGHTING FIRE, I AM GIVING A WRITTEN  
20 RESPONSE BY THE FIRE CHIEF AND HE SAYS DELIVERING STEAM TO A  
21 FIRE IN A HIGH-RISE IS IMPOSSIBLE. THAT'S YOUR FIRE CHIEF AND  
22 THAT'S THE GENTLEMAN, THIS GENTLEMAN OVER HERE, MR. C.A.O., IS  
23 SO CONFIDENT IN THAT HE WANTS HIM TO HAVE AN EXEMPTION FROM  
24 HIS ORDINARY RETIREMENT. SO, INSTEAD OF THE FIRE CHIEF GETTING  
25 BOOTED OUT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE HIM FOREVER AND HE CAN'T DO



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1 ANYTHING AND HE NEVER-- HE CAN VOLUNTEER IF HE WANTED TO, COME  
2 IN HERE AND EXPLAIN HIS POSITION, HE COULD RESPOND TO ME BUT  
3 HE DOESN'T AND WHAT HE SAYS TO ME PERSONALLY AND HE WAVED TO  
4 ME TODAY, HE'S VERY CONGENIAL, HE'S VERY FRIENDLY, BUT HE'S NO  
5 GOOD WHATSOEVER, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. I  
6 THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. ON THIS ITEM, WE  
9 DON'T HAVE A MOTION. I'M GOING TO MOVE FORWARD THAT WE ACCEPT  
10 THE REPORT, I THINK WOULD BE THE PROPER ORDER, THAT WE MOVE  
11 FORWARD THIS PROCESS. IT ISN'T THE END ALL AND THE ISN'T THE  
12 OVERALL FIX. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF PAYING ATTENTION TO THE  
13 CONSULTANTS THAT WE HIRED, THAT WE'RE INVESTING AN AWFUL LOT  
14 OF DOLLARS TO HOPEFULLY GIVE US DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE AS TO  
15 HOW TO FIX THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE IN AT MARTIN LUTHER KING.  
16 YEAH, I THINK IT'S THE WISHES OF THIS ENTIRE BOARD THAT WE  
17 WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE DOING THIS TODAY, THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TO  
18 HIRE NAVIGANT BUT WE'RE IN THE SITUATION THAT WE'RE IN AND WE  
19 HAVE A DUTY NOT ONLY TO THAT HOSPITAL BUT TO ALL OF OUR  
20 HOSPITALS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE FUNCTIONING AND CREATING  
21 THE SAFETY NET THAT'S SO ESSENTIAL FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. SO,  
22 CONSEQUENTLY, I THINK THIS IS A GOOD BEGINNING. THERE IS NO  
23 DOUBT THAT IT COULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY BUT  
24 THE REALITY IS THAT WE'RE IN THIS SITUATION TODAY. IT DOES  
25 HAVE, AGAIN, AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT IN PLACE, IT MAY BE A



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1 PRECURSOR TO A HEALTH AUTHORITY EVENTUALLY WHICH MAY BE PUT IN  
2 PLACE BUT THE REALITY IS TO MAYBE BRING IN SOME PEOPLE WHO CAN  
3 SHARE THEIR WISDOM WITH US AS TO HOW TO GET THIS HOSPITAL,  
4 THAT IS IN CRISIS, BACK AND HOPEFULLY ON A MISSION TO FULFILL  
5 ITS NEEDS TO THE COMMUNITY. I WISH IT WERE EVERYTHING THAT IT  
6 COULD BE. I THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE A COUPLE OF CONCERNS  
7 THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DOWN THE LINE. BUT I THINK, IF  
8 NOTHING ELSE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A HEALTHY AND HOPEFULLY A  
9 GUIDING HAND BY EXPERTS THAT CAN GIVE US SOME ASSISTANCE AND  
10 DIRECTION IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT, IN A SHORT PERIOD OF  
11 TIME, WE CAN TURN THIS HOSPITAL AROUND AND BRING IT UP TO THE  
12 QUALITY AND TO THE SAFETY LEVELS THAT ALL OF US SHOULD EXPECT  
13 FROM ANY OF OUR HOSPITALS. SO I SO MOVE. SECONDED BY MR.  
14 YAROSLAVSKY--

15

16 **LEELA KAPUR, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IF I MAY, IN ADDITION  
17 TO ACCEPTING THE REPORT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO  
18 SPECIFICALLY ESTABLISH THE H.A.B.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AND TO MOVE FORWARD THAT WE ACCEPT THE  
21 REPORT WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT THE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE  
22 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT.

23



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, WHAT REVIEW PROCESS DO WE HAVE? I  
2   MEAN, THERE'S STILL NAMES TO BE DETERMINED, THERE'S BYLAWS TO  
3   BE WRITTEN.

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5   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S OUTLINED IN THERE. IT SAYS ON THERE  
6   THAT...

7

8   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, BUT-- I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT, I MEAN, SOME IS  
9   WRITTEN IN HERE BUT THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT THE BYLAWS WILL  
10  BE CHANGED AND EVOLVED, THROUGH A PROCESS...

11

12  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT. IT SAYS HERE THAT, WITHIN 60 DAYS,  
13  THEY WILL BEGIN THAT AND THEY'RE GOING TO SUBMIT IT FOR OUR  
14  APPROVAL.

15

16  **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT COMES BACK TO YOU.

17

18  **SUP. KNABE:** BACK TO US?

19

20  **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ALSO, THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS REQUIRE YOUR  
21  APPROVAL.

22

23  **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE, TOO, RIGHT?

24

25  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES. IT COMES BACK.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THAT THE DETAILS WILL COME BACK...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE CONCEPT. IT  
5 WILL COME BACK TO US FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE NAMES COME BACK TO US?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT. ALL RIGHT. IT'S MOVED AND  
10 SECONDED. ANY OBJECTION?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. ANTONOVICH IS VOTING AGAINST IT.  
15 MR. KNABE, ARE YOU OKAY WITH IT?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, I'M VOTING NO BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT'S  
18 TAKING AWAY AUTHORITY THAT-- THEY DON'T HAVE AUTHORITY AND  
19 HAVING DR. GARTHWAITE ON THERE AS A VOTING MEMBER, HE ALREADY  
20 HAS THE AUTHORITY SO IT'S A CONFLICT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WE WON'T KNOW THE DETAILS AND, YOU KNOW, AT  
25 LEAST HAVE A LOOK AT IT COMING BACK.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT HERE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT WILL COME BACK. ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED  
5 ON THAT ITEM. NEXT, WE HAVE A WHOLE SERIES OF AGENDA ITEMS AND  
6 IT BEGINS WITH ITEM NUMBER 1. AND, IF I AM CORRECT, I HAVE  
7 SOME PAPERWORK HERE THAT I'M GOING TO PULL OUT ANY MINUTE THAT  
8 BEGINS WITH SOME AUCTIONS. SO I'M GOING TO ASK OUR EXECUTIVE  
9 OFFICER IF SHE WOULD SWEAR IN ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO  
10 BE TESTIFYING ON THESE ITEMS.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. WILL ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY  
13 ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS PLEASE STAND, RAISE YOUR  
14 RIGHT HAND AND BE SWORN IN. [ ADMINISTERING OATH ]

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU. PLEASE BE SEATED.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, ON ITEM 15, THEY HAD THE RIGHT  
19 REPORT. I HAD HELD IT BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, SO I'M GOING  
20 TO WITHDRAW MY HOLD AND MOVE ITS APPROVAL.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 15. THAT ITEM IS MOVED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF  
24 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. LET'S BEGIN.



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1 WE'RE GOING TO START WITH NUMBER ONE. OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
2 HAS SOME OF THE GUIDELINES THAT SHE HAS TO READ.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MATTER BEFORE YOUR BOARD IS THE SALE  
5 OF THE COUNTY'S RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST IN AND TO REAL  
6 PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA. THE FIRST  
7 PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO THE 6,500 BLOCK  
8 OF PALMDALE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PALMDALE AND CONSISTS OF  
9 APPROXIMATELY 9.2 ACRES OF VACANT AND UNIMPROVED LAND ZONED BY  
10 THE CITY OF PALMDALE AS RESIDENTIAL WITH A 7,000-SQUARE-FOOT  
11 MINIMUM LOT SIZE. THE PROPERTY BEING SOLD IS IN AS-IS  
12 CONDITION WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION BY THE  
13 COUNTY. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SALE, ALL BIDDERS INTERESTED IN  
14 BUYING THE PALMDALE AVENUE PARCEL MUST NOW BE REGISTERED AND  
15 SHOULD MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARD HEARING ROOM SO THAT THE  
16 AUCTION CAN BEGIN. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD FOR CASH WITH A  
17 MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID OF \$400,000. THE SEALED BIDS HAVE BEEN  
18 OPENED AND THE HIGHEST SEALED BID SUBMITTED BY HILL VIEW  
19 HOMES, INCORPORATED, WAS \$652,000. ORAL BIDS WILL NOW BE  
20 ACCEPTED, PROVIDED THE FIRST ORAL BID EXCEEDS BY AT LEAST 5%  
21 THE AMOUNT OF THE HIGHEST SEALED BID. THE OPENING BID IS  
22 THEREFORE SET AT \$684,600. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST SIGN A  
23 PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND DEPOSIT THE FIRST \$25,000 IN  
24 CASH OR CASHIERS CHECK WITH THE COUNTY AT THE COMPLETION OF  
25 THE BIDDING. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN 90



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1 DAYS FROM TODAY. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS SET FORTH IN THE  
2 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL, MUST BE MET BEFORE COMPLETION OF  
3 THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S TITLE AND POSSESSION TO THE  
4 PROPERTY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THIS IS FOR THE PROPERTY AT  
7 6,500 BLOCK OF PALMDALE BOULEVARD, PALMDALE. ALL OF YOU WHO  
8 ARE HOLDING A GREEN CARD ARE ELIGIBLE TO BID ON THIS PROPERTY.  
9 THE BIDDING IS GOING TO START AT \$684,600. ALL RIGHT. WE DO  
10 HAVE A WRITTEN BID FOR THAT NUMBER, SO IS THERE AN ORAL BID?  
11 DO I HAVE A BID FOR 685,000? ALL RIGHT. ANYONE ELSE? ANY OTHER  
12 BID AMOUNTS? IT SHOULD BE 5,000 MORE. WHAT IS YOUR BID, SIR?  
13 690,000? WE HAVE 690. 700,000? 705,000. ALL RIGHT. NUMBER 10.  
14 NUMBER 12. 710. OKAY. 18. 715,000. 720 BY NUMBER ONE. 725 BY  
15 NUMBER 12. 730 BY NUMBER ONE. NUMBER 18. 35? 735,000 DOLLARS.  
16 740 BY NUMBER 12. 745 BY NUMBER ONE. 750 BY NUMBER 11. YES.  
17 755 BY NUMBER ONE. 800,000 BY NUMBER 18. 805 BY NUMBER 12. 805  
18 GOING ONCE. 16. 16, 810,000. BY NUMBER 18, 820,000. BY NUMBER  
19 11, 825,000. 830 BY NUMBER 10. 850 BY NUMBER 18. NUMBER 16.  
20 855. NUMBER 16 HAS BID 855,000. 855,000 GOING ONCE. NUMBER 18,  
21 900,000, BY NUMBER 18. 905,000 BY NUMBER 16. 925 BY NUMBER 18.  
22 930 BY NUMBER 16. 935,000 BY NUMBER 18. 938,000 GOING ONCE--  
23 920? 940. I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING BACKWARDS. 940,000 BY NUMBER  
24 16. 945,000 BY NUMBER 18. 950 BY NUMBER 16. 955,000 BY NUMBER  
25 18. 960? 960 BY NUMBER 16. 970 BY NUMBER 18. 975 BY NUMBER 16.



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1 \$980,000 BY NUMBER 18. 985,000 BY NUMBER 16. ONE MILLION BY  
2 NUMBER 18. ONE MILLION FIVE BY NUMBER 16. ONE MILLION FIVE?  
3 ONE MILLION FIVE GOING ONCE. THERE ARE NO MORE BIDS? ONE  
4 MILLION GOING TWICE. SOLD TO NUMBER 16. IS THAT CORRECT?  
5 NUMBER 16. FOR, AGAIN, ONE THOUSAND FIVE-- ONE MILLION FIVE.  
6 EXCUSE ME. AFTER ALL OF THAT. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU.  
7 THE NEXT ONE, PLEASE.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. THE SECOND PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS  
10 LOCATED IN PROXIMITY TO THE 44,400 BLOCK OF 90TH STREET EAST  
11 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CONSISTS  
12 OF APPROXIMATELY 38.48 ACRES OF VACANT AND UNIMPROVED LAND  
13 ZONED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS D-2 DESERT MOUNTAIN. THE  
14 PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AS-IS CONDITION WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY  
15 OR REPRESENTATION BY THE COUNTY. TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SALE,  
16 ALL BIDDERS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE 90TH STREET PARCEL MUST  
17 NOW BE REGISTERED AND SHOULD MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARD  
18 HEARING ROOM SO THAT THE AUCTION CAN BEGIN. THE PROPERTY IS  
19 BEING SOLD FOR CASH WITH A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID OF \$258,000.  
20 THERE WERE NO SEALED BIDS SUBMITTED. THE OPENING BID IS  
21 THEREFORE SET AT \$258,000. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST SIGN A  
22 PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND DEPOSIT THE FIRST \$25,000 IN  
23 CASH OR CASHIERS CHECK WITH THE COUNTY AT THE COMPLETION OF  
24 THE BIDDING. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN 90  
25 DAYS FROM TODAY. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS SET FORTH IN THE



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1 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL, MUST BE MET BEFORE COMPLETION OF  
2 THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S TITLE AND POSSESSION TO THE  
3 PROPERTY.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
6 HOLDING THE PINK CARD. CORRECT? ALL RIGHT. IF ALL OF YOU WOULD  
7 STEP FORWARD, THOSE OF YOU HOLDING A PINK CARD. THIS IS FOR  
8 THE PROPERTY AT 44,400 BLOCK OF 90TH STREET EAST, ALSO IN  
9 PALMDALE. I THINK THAT'S CORRECT. ALL RIGHT. DO I HAVE A  
10 STARTING BID FOR \$258,000? NUMBER 5 FOR \$258,000. THAT'S  
11 CORRECT. 260,000 FOR NUMBER ONE. 265 FOR NUMBER 4. 270 FOR  
12 NUMBER-- IS IT NUMBER 5? OKAY. 270. 275 BY NUMBER 4. 280 BY  
13 NUMBER ONE. 285 BY NUMBER 5. 290 BY NUMBER 4. 295 BY NUMBER 1.  
14 300 BY NUMBER 4? 5. EXCUSE ME. 305 BY NUMBER 4. 310 BY NUMBER  
15 1. 315 BY NUMBER 4 AGAIN. 315 GOING ONCE-- 320. 325 BY NUMBER  
16 4. 330 BY NUMBER 1. 335 BY NUMBER 4. 330 GOING ONCE, GOING  
17 TWICE...

18

19 **MALE VOICE:** 335, NUMBER 4.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS IT 335,000? 335,000 BY NUMBER 4. GOING  
22 ONCE, GOING TWICE, SOLD TO THE BIDDER NUMBER 4 FOR 335,000.  
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. NEXT?

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE THIRD PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED  
2 IN PROXIMITY TO THE 2000 BLOCK OF AVENUE G EAST IN THE  
3 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CONSISTS OF  
4 APPROXIMATELY 122 ACRES OF VACANT AND UNIMPROVED LAND ZONED BY  
5 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS D-2, DESERT MOUNTAIN. THE  
6 PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD IN AS-IS CONDITION WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY  
7 OR REPRESENTATION BY THE COUNTY. TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SALE,  
8 ALL BIDDERS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE AVENUE G PARCEL MUST NOW  
9 BE REGISTERED AND SHOULD MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARD  
10 HEARING ROOM SO THAT THE AUCTION CAN BEGIN. THE PROPERTY IS  
11 BEING SOLD FOR CASH WITH A MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID OF \$315,000.  
12 THERE WERE NO SEALED BIDS SUBMITTED. THE OPENING BID IS  
13 THEREFORE SET AT \$315,000. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST SIGN A  
14 PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND DEPOSIT THE FIRST \$25,000 IN  
15 CASH OR CASHIERS CHECK WITH THE COUNTY AT THE COMPLETION OF  
16 THE BIDDING. THE BALANCE WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN 90  
17 DAYS FROM TODAY. ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AS SET FORTH IN THE  
18 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL MUST BE MET BEFORE COMPLETION OF  
19 THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S TITLE AND POSSESSION TO THE  
20 PROPERTY.

21  
22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THESE ARE ALL THE INDIVIDUALS  
23 HOLDING THE YELLOW CARD. YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELVES SOME ROOM  
24 HERE SO THAT YOU CAN SPREAD OUT A LITTLE BIT. SO IF ALL THE  
25 PEOPLE WITH THE YELLOW CARD HAVE COME UP. THE ORAL BIDS ARE



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1 GOING TO START AT \$315,000. IN ORDER TO PLACE YOUR BID, YOU  
2 NEED TO BID IN INCREMENTS OF 5,000 AGAIN. SO DO I HAVE AN  
3 OPENING BID FOR 315,000? NUMBER 7, 315,000. NUMBER 4, 320. 325  
4 BY NUMBER 2. 330 BY NUMBER 4. I HAVE 330 BY NUMBER 4. 335 BY  
5 NUMBER 11. IS THAT CORRECT? THANK YOU. 340? 340 BY NUMBER 4.  
6 345 BY NUMBER TWO. 350 BY NUMBER 11. 355 BY NUMBER 4. 400 BY  
7 NUMBER 9. 450,000 BY NUMBER 4. 460,000 BY NUMBER 9. 500 BY  
8 NUMBER 4. 525 BY NUMBER 9. 550 BY NUMBER 4. 560 BY NUMBER 9.  
9 565 BY NUMBER 4. 575 BY NUMBER 9. 600,000 BY NUMBER 4. 600,000  
10 GOING ONCE-- 625 BY NUMBER 9. 630 BY NUMBER 4. 650 BY NUMBER  
11 9. 660-- 660 BY NUMBER 4 AGAIN, RIGHT? 660 GOING ONCE.

12

13 **MALE VOICE:** 675.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 675 BY NUMBER 9. 680 BY NUMBER 4. 700,000  
16 BY NUMBER 9. 705 BY NUMBER 4. 710 BY NUMBER 9. MALE VOICE:  
17 711. [ LAUGHTER ]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S IN 5,000-DOLLAR INCREMENTS, SO 715?  
20 715 BY NUMBER 4. 720 BY NUMBER 9. [ LAUGHTER ]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 720 GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, SOLD TO  
23 NUMBER 9 FOR 720,000. SECONDED BY MR. ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S  
24 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT COMPLETES TODAY'S AUCTIONS.



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1 FIRST TIME I'VE DONE THAT. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE 1-D BEFORE US AS  
2 WELL. RIGHT?

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, WE DO, MADAM CHAIR.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 1-D, IT'S THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
7 COMMISSION. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
8 KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. I  
9 DON'T THINK THERE WAS A REPORT ON IT.

10

11 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THAT IS A PUBLIC HEARING, MADAM CHAIR.  
12 IF THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS OR ANY TESTIMONY, HOWEVER YOUR  
13 BOARD...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, IT WAS A HEARING. I APOLOGIZE. IS  
16 ANYBODY HERE TO TESTIFY ON ITEM 1-D? IF NOT, THEN SO ORDERED  
17 ON THAT ITEM. WE'LL CLOSE THE HEARING.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE WE MOVE ON, WE HAD  
20 TWO PUBLIC SPEAKERS WHO HAD REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER  
21 15. YOU BROUGHT THAT IN A FEW MINUTES AGO AND THEY JUST TURNED  
22 IN THE SLIP. OH, ACTUALLY, THEY DIDN'T JUST TURN IN THE SLIP.

23



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THEY HAD A SLIP HERE BEFORE? OH, THAT'S  
2    RIGHT. THOSE WERE THE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BEFOREHAND AND THEN  
3    WE WENT AHEAD AND MOVED FORWARD.

4

5    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, AND I APOLOGIZE, MADAM CHAIR, FOR  
6    NOT GIVING THOSE TO YOU.

7

8    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY DON'T WE HAVE RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM  
9    NUMBER 15. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
10    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE HAVE ITEM  
11    NUMBER 15 BEFORE US. COULD I HAVE THE CARDS OF THE TWO PEOPLE  
12    WHO WISH TO ADDRESS US? THANK YOU. MICHAEL PFEIFFER AND DR.  
13    ROBERT SPLAWN, IF YOU'D PLEASE JOIN US. PLEASE PROCEED.

14

15    **DR. ROBERT SPLAWN:** MADAM CHAIR, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE  
16    BOARD, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU  
17    TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST THANK YOU FOR APPROVING THE  
18    ALLOCATION OF MEASURE B FUNDS TO FILL THE GAP IN FUNDING  
19    NEEDED TO SUPPORT PRIVATE TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES COUNTYWIDE  
20    AND TO ADDRESS THE COST OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES AT ST.  
21    FRANCES MEDICAL CENTER. ALTHOUGH I THINK THAT WE WOULD ALL  
22    AGREE THAT IT IS THE STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO FUND THE COUNTY  
23    PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR INDIGENTS PROGRAM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
24    P.S.I.P., THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY EROSION OF FUNDING DUE AS A  
25    RESULT OF INCREASED CLAIMS, INCREASED PHYSICIAN PARTICIPATION,



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1 THE NECESSITY TO INCREASE RATES, TO MAINTAIN DELICATE CALL  
2 PANELS AND DECREASE STATE REVENUES SINCE THE 1987 ENACTMENT OF  
3 LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM. THE CURRENT F.Y. FUNDING  
4 FOR OUR P.S.I.P. IS, AS YOU KNOW, DUE TO RUN OUT NEXT MONTH.  
5 ALTHOUGH YOU APPROVED A REALLOCATION OF FUNDS COVERING  
6 INDIGENT PATIENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST YOUR CONSIDERATION  
7 IN CONSIDERING FILLING THE GAP FOR EMERGENCY PATIENTS AS WELL,  
8 A PROJECTED SHORTFALL OF \$4.2 MILLION. WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT  
9 APPROXIMATELY 90% OF THE CLAIMS SUBMITTED TO THE P.S.I.P.  
10 PROGRAM ARE FOR NONTRAUMA PATIENTS, THE AFFECT OF THE LOSS OF  
11 THIS PROGRAM WILL BE DISASTROUS FOR PHYSICIANS AND, MORE  
12 IMPORTANTLY, PATIENTS. AT CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER,  
13 WHERE I PRACTICE, ONE-THIRD OF OUR PATIENTS ARE COVERED BY THE  
14 P.S.I.P. PROGRAM. OUR E.R. VOLUME HAS ATTAINED A 30% INCREASE  
15 WHEN COMPARED TO LAST YEAR AND IT IS SUSTAINING WITH VOLUMES  
16 NOW AVERAGING 116 PATIENTS PER DAY. WE, AS WELL AS OTHER  
17 EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS IN THE COUNTY, RELY VERY HEAVILY ON THIS  
18 PROGRAM. ADDITIONALLY, IF FUNDING IS NOT MAINTAINED AT THE  
19 CURRENT LEVEL, I FEAR AN IMPENDING CALL PANEL CRISIS. MANY OF  
20 THE PHYSICIANS WHO COVER TRAUMA ALSO COVER EMERGENCY  
21 DEPARTMENT PATIENTS. LAST YEAR, I RECRUITED FOUR TOP GRADUATES  
22 FROM U.S.C.'S EMERGENCY MEDICINE PROGRAM WHO REALLY ENJOY  
23 WORKING IN AN INNER CITY HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT SETTING  
24 POPULATION THAT WE SERVE. ALL FOUR HAVE RECENTLY GIVEN NOTICE  
25 THAT THEY HAVE SOUGHT EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE SO, NEEDLESS TO



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1 SAY, RETAINING QUALITY, WELL-TRAINED PHYSICIANS HAS ALREADY  
2 BECOME A CHALLENGE. I WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO JOIN YOU IN  
3 PLEADING OUR CASE AND ARM WRESTLING THE GOVERNOR AND IF I CAN  
4 GET BACK ON MY WEIGHT LIFTING PLAN, I THINK I COULD PROBABLY  
5 BEAT HIM, TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF FUNDING. BUT, IN  
6 THE INTERIM, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL HELP US AVERT ANOTHER  
7 CRISIS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

10

11 **MIKE PFEIFFER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS. I'M MIKE PFEIFFER. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY DIRECTORS, MEDICAL DIRECTORS  
14 ASSOCIATION. WE'RE A NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY  
15 PHYSICIAN GROUPS WHO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 40% OF THE  
16 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING TRAUMA SERVICES THROUGH  
17 HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. FIRST,  
18 WE CERTAINLY AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU'VE ALREADY  
19 APPROVED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO HELP PAY FOR  
20 INCREASING TRAUMA AND EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR  
21 INDIGENTS AT ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER AND HARBOR-U.C.L.A.  
22 AND CERTAINLY THE COMMENTS YOU HEARD TODAY FROM DR. SPLAWN,  
23 WE'RE HEARING THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM FROM ALL OF OUR EMERGENCY  
24 MEDICAL DIRECTORS. SINCE MEASURE B FUNDS ARE INVOLVED WITH THE  
25 SUPPORT FOR ST. FRANCIS AND HARBOR, WE HOPE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER USING SIMILAR FUNDS FOR  
2 PERHAPS ALLOCATING MEASURE B FUNDS TO BOLSTER THE AILING STATE  
3 PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR INDIGENTS PROGRAM. WE EXPECT THIS TO  
4 RUN SHORT OF FUNDS NEEDED DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THE  
5 P.S.I.P. PROGRAM SUPPORTS FRONTLINE, COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY  
6 PHYSICIAN SERVICES GREATLY AND, MOREOVER, WITHOUT THESE  
7 SERVICES, PRIVATE HOSPITALS ARE EXPECTED TO FIND IT VERY  
8 DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN SPECIALTY CALL PANELS, AS WAS DISCUSSED  
9 AND PRESENTED EARLIER, FOR BOTH TRAUMA CENTERS AND EMERGENCY  
10 DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY. PERHAPS THERE ARE OTHER FUNDING  
11 SOURCES OTHER THAN MEASURE B FUNDS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED.  
12 PERHAPS MEETING WITH OUR SACRAMENTO REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
13 GOVERNOR WOULD SURFACE NEW FUNDS. AND WE, AS AN ASSOCIATION,  
14 ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL UP TO SACRAMENTO AND ASSIST IN APPLYING  
15 AND REQUESTING THOSE FUNDS WITH YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
16 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE BOARD  
17 OF SUPERVISORS TO EXPLORING EVERY OPTION THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE  
18 TO US TO ASSURE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM AND THE SAFETY  
19 NET REMAIN FIRMLY IN PLACE FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTY. THANK  
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE-- THERE IS A  
23 SPECIAL COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN SET UP BY THE SPEAKER IN THE  
24 LEGISLATURE TO START ADDRESSING THE UNMET NEEDS HERE IN L.A.  
25 COUNTY AND PROBABLY THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN THIS AREA AS FAR



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1 AS INDIGENT CARE AND WE WELCOME WORKING WITH YOU IN TRYING TO  
2 SHORE UP THE DOLLARS THAT ARE COMING INTO OUR SYSTEM.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I CAN JUST ADD, THE STATE CUT BACK ITS  
9 ALLOCATION FOR EMERGENCY ROOMS THIS YEAR. SO, WHEN YOU SAY  
10 THAT YOU'RE GOING TO WORK TO KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS, THE WAY IT  
11 IS IS WHAT'S CREATING-- APPARENTLY, CREATING A PROBLEM FOR  
12 YOUR CLIENTS, FOR YOUR MEMBERS. AND I JUST WANT TO BE ON  
13 RECORD, I'M VERY RETICENT TO GO DOWN THIS ROAD. THIS IS NOT  
14 WHAT WE HAD IN MIND. THIS WAS SOMETHING WE DISCUSSED. WE ALL  
15 SAY IF THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR THIS, WOULD IT TAKE THE HEAT OFF  
16 THE STATE TO FUND? I MEAN, HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE GET OUT OF THE  
17 STATE FOR TRAUMA IN THE GOOD DAYS? 30 MILLION? 20 MILLION?  
18 STATEWIDE, IT WAS 30 MILLION, I THINK WE GOT A PORTION OF THAT  
19 AND THEN IT WENT DOWN AND, EVERY YEAR, IT WAS ZEROED OUT AND  
20 WE HAD TO GO FIGHT TO GET MONEY BACK AND YOU FOUGHT TO GET IT  
21 BACK AND, SURE ENOUGH, AS SOON AS PROPOSITION B PASSED, THEY  
22 DIDN'T PUT IT BACK, THEY ZEROED IT OUT AND IT WAS PEANUTS THAT  
23 THEY-- IF THEY PUT ANYTHING BACK. I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT THEY  
24 PUT BACK AND NOW YOU'RE IN THE THE CYCLE. YOU KNOW, AS I SAID  
25 TO OUR HEALTH PEOPLE, WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF PROPOSITION



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1 B HADN'T PASSED? YOU GOT TO FIGHT SACRAMENTO. I MEAN, WE DID  
2 NOT PASS PROPOSITION B OR PUT IT ON THE BALLOT IN ORDER TO  
3 REPLACE WHAT THE STATE WAS DOING AND WHAT THE STATE WAS DOING  
4 WAS NOTHING. PEANUTS COMPARED TO WHAT THE NEED WAS FOR TRAUMA  
5 AND E.M.S. WE'RE PUTTING IN MONEY INTO PRIVATE HOSPITAL TRAUMA  
6 AND HOW MUCH DID WE PUT IN LAST YEAR OUT OF PROP B? 20 SOME  
7 ODD-- 19-- WHAT WAS IT, 20 MILLION?

8

9 **DR. ROBERT SPLAWN:** 26. I BELIEVE SO.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** \$26 MILLION. AND WE'VE JUST VOTED TODAY TO  
12 ADD A FEW MORE MILLION TO THE ST. FRANCIS, WHICH IS A PROBLEM  
13 WE'RE UP RESPONSIBLE FOR AND WE'RE PREPARED TO STEP UP TO  
14 PLATE. BUT, I'LL SPEAK FOR MYSELF, IF THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL  
15 WORLD IS GOING TO-- EVERY DOLLAR THAT THEY GET FOR EMERGENCY  
16 ROOM FUNDING IS A DOLLAR THAT WE WON'T HAVE FOR THE COUNTY  
17 MEDICAL SYSTEM, INCLUDING OUR OWN TRAUMA NETWORK AND THE  
18 EMERGENCY ROOMS AND THE PRIMARY CARE AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS  
19 THAT THE MEASURE WAS DESIGNED TO DO. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY  
20 THAT. I APPRECIATE THE PREDICAMENT YOU'RE IN BUT IT'S TOO EASY  
21 TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO GO UP AND FIGHT, WE'LL STAND WITH YOU  
22 AND THEN LOSE AND THEN COME BACK HERE AND TRY TO GET-- WE'RE  
23 ABOUT TO GO OFF A CLIFF AND, IF WE DO THAT, IT WON'T BE GOOD  
24 FOR US OR FOR YOUR CONSTITUENT MEMBERS, AS WE ALL KNOW.

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, GENTLEMEN. ALL RIGHT.  
2    THEN ITEM IS MOVED FORWARD BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
3    BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL  
4    RIGHT. BACK ON PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEM NUMBER 2.

5

6    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY,  
7    PETITION 152-110, COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697  
8    AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, CARSON ZONE, AND THE  
9    LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR  
10   FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM  
11   CHAIR.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING? DO  
14   WE HAVE A REPORT? DO WE NEED TO REPORT? OKAY.

15

16   **ANTHONY NYIVIH:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY NYIVIH AND I'M A SENIOR  
17   CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M  
18   FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF  
19   TERRITORY TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697 AND COUNTY  
20   LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, CARSON ZONE AND THE LEVYING AND  
21   COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENT WITH RESPECT TO PETITION AREA 152-  
22   1101. THE CONSENT AND JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF CARSON HAS  
23   BEEN OBTAINED. IN MY OPINION, THE AREA COVERED BY THIS  
24   PETITION WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICES  
25   TO BE PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN SPREAD IN



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1 PROPORTION TO THE BENEFITS. IN THE EVENT THERE IS NO MAJORITY  
2 PROTEST, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE  
3 RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT AND  
4 APPROVE THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE FROM NON-TAXING  
5 AGENCIES.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ANYTHING  
8 ELSE ON THAT?

9

10 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** NO, MADAM CHAIR. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY  
11 TESTIMONY, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YEAH. WE HAVE NO ONE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY  
14 ON THIS ITEM. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, AT THIS  
15 TIME, TO CLOSE THE HEARING AND TO DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE  
16 BALLOTS AND TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING WHEN  
17 TABULATION OF THE RESULTS ARE FOR ACTION BY OUR BOARD. I SO  
18 MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO  
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 3.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF APPROVED  
22 TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
23 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE  
24 AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING



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1 PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005/2006. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN  
2 PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **ANTHONY NYIVIH:** MY NAME IS ANTHONY NYIVIH AND I'M A SENIOR  
5 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM  
6 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THE  
7 TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION AREAS DESCRIBED IN THE BOARD LETTER TO  
8 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
9 DISTRICT LLA-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE, AND FOR THE LEVYING AND  
10 COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION AREAS. NONE  
11 OF THE SUBDIVISION AREAS LIE WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF ANY CITY.  
12 IN MY OPINION, THE INVOLVED SUBDIVISION AREAS WOULD BE  
13 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND  
14 PROPOSED ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT.  
15 IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE NO MAJORITY PROTESTS, WE'RE  
16 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX  
17 AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS AND THAT YOU APPROVE AND  
18 ACCEPT THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NON-  
19 TAXING AGENCIES IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND WE HAVE NO ONE THAT WISHES  
22 TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THEN IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE  
23 AT THIS TIME THAT WE ALSO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. WE DIRECT  
24 TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE ASIDE THEM UNTIL THOSE VOTES  
25 ARE COUNTED FOR ACTION BY OUR BOARD. I SO MOVE AND IT'S



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1    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ITEM  
2    NUMBER 4.

3

4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO VACATE WITH RESERVATIONS 7TH  
5    AVENUE, SOUTH OF ORANGE GROVE AVENUE LOCATED WITHIN THE  
6    UNINCORPORATED HACIENDA AREA. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS,  
7    MADAM CHAIR.

8

9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO PROTESTS ON THIS ITEM? YOUR REPORT,  
10   PLEASE.

11

12   **CARMELITO CRISTOBAL:** MY NAME IS CARMELITO CRISTOBAL. I AM A  
13   ENGINEER II FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I HAVE  
14   INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED VACATION WITH RESERVATIONS, THE  
15   COUNTY'S INTEREST IN THE PORTION OF 7TH AVENUE SOUTH OF ORANGE  
16   GROVE AVENUE IN THE UNINCORPORATED HACIENDA HEIGHTS. THIS  
17   PORTION HAS NEVER BEEN DEVELOPED AS A PUBLIC ROAD. THE  
18   VACATION WAS PROPOSED BY THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL NATIVE  
19   HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY WHICH WISHES TO DEVELOP A  
20   PORTION OF THE VACATED AREA AS THE HACIENDA HILLS TRAIL HEAD  
21   ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR NON-  
22   VEHICULAR TRAIL PURPOSES. THE TRAIL ON THE REMAINING PORTION  
23   OF THE GATED AREA WILL BE MAINTAINED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
24   FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. IN MY OPINION, THE INVOLVED EASEMENT  
25   INTERESTS PROPOSED TO BE VACATED ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR PRESENT



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1 OR PERSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE. THE VACATION WILL NOT CUT OFF  
2 ACCESS TO ANY PROPERTIES OR NEGATIVELY IMPACT OTHER  
3 PROPERTIES. ACCESS RIGHT WILL BE RESERVED TO THE FLOOD CONTROL  
4 DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN STORM DRAINS AND TO MAINTAIN PORTION  
5 DEVOTED TO TRAIL HEAD AND TRAIL PURPOSES. UTILITY EASEMENT  
6 WILL ALSO BE RESERVED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY  
7 AND THE SAN GABRIEL WIRE COMPANY. ADDITIONALLY, EASEMENT FOR  
8 INGRESS AND EGRESS WILL BE RESERVED TO ROSEMEAD PROPERTIES,  
9 INC., OWNER OF THAT PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSMENT PARCEL  
10 NUMBER 8211-018 PARCEL 2 AND TO MR. BURTON AND EDIT RAMEY,  
11 OWNER OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 8211,  
12 PAGE 18, PARCEL 3. ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSED VACATION AREA AS  
13 DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A AT THAT RESOLUTION. WE'RE ALSO  
14 RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT  
15 AND CABINET RUNNING WITH THE LAND BETWEEN THE COUNTY FLOOD  
16 CONTROL DISTRICT AND HABITAT AUTHORITY. WE'RE AWARE OF NO  
17 PROTESTS.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I DON'T THINK  
20 THERE'S ANYONE HERE TO TESTIFY ON THIS ITEM.

21

22 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** NO, MADAM CHAIR BUT MR. CRISTOBAL HAS  
23 INDICATED THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF TWO PROPERTIES CAME  
24 FORWARD RECENTLY AND THE DEPARTMENT IS REVISING ITS  
25 RECOMMENDATION TO REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL ACCESS RIGHTS BE



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1 GIVEN TO THE TWO PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ASSESSOR PARCEL  
2 NUMBERS THAT HE MENTIONED, SO WE WOULD ASK THAT THE MOTION  
3 RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD BE SO AMENDED.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BE AMENDED IN THAT WAY. MR. KNABE, ARE  
6 THOSE YOUR WISHES? THIS IS IN YOUR DISTRICT, THAT THIS  
7 RECOMMENDATION BE AS AMENDED AS PRESENTED, THAT WE CLOSE THE  
8 PUBLIC HEARING AND WE APPROVE THIS ITEM. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,  
10 SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. THANK YOU, SIR. ITEM NUMBER 5.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO CONDITIONALLY VACATE, WITH  
13 RESERVATIONS, A PORTION OF APACHE TRAIL SOUTH OF VIEW DRIVE,  
14 LOCATED WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA KNOWN AS MALIBU  
15 LAKE. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR?

18

19 **JOSE SUAREZ:** MY NAME IS JOSE SUAREZ, I'M AN ASSOCIATE CIVIL  
20 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I HAVE  
21 INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL VACATION OF THE COUNTY'S  
22 EASEMENT INTERESTS IN THE PORTION OF APACHE TRAIL SOUTH OF  
23 VIEW DRIVE IN THE MALIBU LAKE AREA OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. THAT  
24 PORTION OF APACHE TRAIL HAS NEVER BEEN IMPROVED AND IS NOT  
25 CURRENTLY A FUNCTIONING ROAD. THE VACATION WAS PROPOSED BY



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1 OWNERS OF PROPERTY ON EACH SIDE OF THIS PAPER STREET WHO WISH  
2 TO UNIFY THEIR PROPERTY HOLDINGS. IN MY OPINION, THE INVOLVED  
3 EASEMENT INTEREST PROPOSED TO BE VACATED OR NOT NECESSARY FOR  
4 PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE. THE VACATION WILL NOT CUT  
5 OFF ACCESS TO ANY PROPERTIES OR NEGATIVELY IMPACT OTHER  
6 PROPERTIES. THE PROPOSING PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE CONDITIONED  
7 TO EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT AGREEING TO MERGE AND HOLD THEIR  
8 ADJACENT LOTS AS A SINGLE PARCEL. EXISTING EASEMENTS FOR  
9 UTILITY FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE RESERVED TO SOUTHERN  
10 CALIFORNIA EDISON. WE ARE AWARE OF ONE PROTEST BY AN OWNER OF  
11 THE PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH, WHO WAS CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING  
12 ACCESS. HOWEVER, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
13 PORTION OF APACHE TRAIL TO BE VACATED IS UNREALISTIC AND  
14 IMPRACTICAL AND THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER WILL HAVE ACCESS TO  
15 THE SOUTH ON THE REMAINING PORTION OF APACHE TRAIL.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE IS NO ONE HERE TO TESTIFY  
18 ON THAT ITEM, IS THAT CORRECT? MR. YAROSLAVSKY, THAT'S IN YOUR  
19 DISTRICT. WHAT ARE YOUR WISHES?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE IT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND  
24 MOVE ITEM NUMBER 5. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED



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1 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

2 NUMBER 6.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO EXISTING  
5 WATER SUPPLY CHARGES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SYSTEM  
6 IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN EXISTING SERVICE AREAS FOR WATER DISTRICT  
7 NUMBER 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY AND TO ESTABLISH A NEW WATER SUPPLY  
8 RELIABILITY CHARGE NECESSARY TO FIRM UP THE DISTRICT'S WATER  
9 SUPPLIES. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE SOMEBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO HAS  
12 SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THERE'S NO ONE THAT'S SIGNED UP FOR THIS  
15 ITEM.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF NOT, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT,  
18 DUE TO SOME UNCERTAINTIES RELATIVES TO WATERWORKS DISTRICT 4  
19 THAT WE CONTINUE THIS MATTER TO THE MARCH 22ND MEETING AND  
20 HAVE THAT BACK ON THE AGENDA THEN.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED THAT THAT ITEM BE  
23 CONTINUED. NO OBJECTION, ALL RIGHT? UP ITEM NUMBER 7.

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING TO GRANT A 15-YEAR PETROLEUM  
2 PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY TO RENEW DOW'S  
3 FRANCHISE RIGHTS FOR EXISTING IDLE PIPELINES LOCATED IN THE  
4 WEST CARSON HARBOR CORRIDOR UNINCORPORATED AREA. WE HAVE NO  
5 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE NO PROTESTS ON THIS  
8 ITEM. I AM VOTING "NO" ON THIS ITEM. THIS IS MOVED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. THEY'RE NOTING  
10 MY OBJECTION. SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 8.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE  
13 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, TO ESTABLISH A STREAMLINED AND LESS  
14 COSTLY PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING SHARED WATER WELL ZONING  
15 APPLICATIONS FOR THE SHARING OF WATER WELLS IN CERTAIN  
16 RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ZONES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
17 OF THE COUNTY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR, LET ME ASK, BEFORE THE REPORT IS  
20 GIVEN, IS ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE SIGNED UP ON THIS ITEM?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, WE HAVE NO ONE THAT DID SIGN UP.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WAS GOING TO MAKE A MOTION THAT THIS BE  
25 CONTINUED TO APRIL 26TH, WITH DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING  
2 AND SAFETY TO REVIEW THE SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS WITH A REPORT  
3 BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM IS CONTINUED FOR 30  
6 DAYS. NO OBJECTION ON THAT. ITEM NUMBER 9.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE CASE NUMBER 04-  
9 233-(1) AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR CHANGE OF ZONE TO ALLOW  
10 PROPERTY OWNERS TO IMPROVE OR SELL THEIR HOMES WITHOUT  
11 HINDRANCES CAUSED BY NONCONFORMING STATUS AND TO BRING THE  
12 AREA INTO CONSISTENCY WITH THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY  
13 PLAN'S MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND IN THE EAST SIDE UNIT  
14 NUMBER 4 ZONED DISTRICT. AND WE'VE RECEIVED NO RESPONSIVE  
15 WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOUR REPORT, PLEASE.

18

19 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD  
20 AFTERNOON. I'M RUSSELL FRICANO WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
21 PLANNING AND, TO MY LEFT, IS KEVIN JOHNSON, THE PLANNER ON  
22 THIS MATTER. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION INITIATED AND  
23 RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A CHANGE OF  
24 ZONE FROM I.T., INSTITUTIONAL, TO R-2, TWO FAMILY RESIDENCE,  
25 ON 26 PARCELS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES. THE SUBJECT



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1 PROPERTIES ARE LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF EASTERN AVENUE  
2 ALONG MICHIGAN AND NEW YORK AVENUES. AND, IF YOU TURN TO THE  
3 MAPS BEHIND YOU, YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE AREA IS LOCATED. THEY  
4 ARE DELINEATED BY THE BOLD LINE. THE SUBJECT AREA IS CURRENTLY  
5 DEVELOPED WITH RESIDENTIAL USES ON 22 OF THE PARCELS WITH THE  
6 REMAINING FOUR BEING VACANT. THE I.T. ZONING WAS ESTABLISHED  
7 WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY PLAN AND  
8 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT IN 1988 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE  
9 HOSPITAL'S EXPANSION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE EXISTING RESIDENTIAL  
10 USES WITHIN THIS AREA BECAME LEGAL NONCONFORMING USES AND, DUE  
11 TO NONCONFORMING STATUS, RESIDENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED  
12 DIFFICULTIES OBTAINING LOANS TO IMPROVE OR SELL THEIR HOMES.  
13 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION INITIATED A ZONE CHANGE TO  
14 REVERT THE ZONING OF THE PROPERTIES BACK TO THE ORIGINAL R-2  
15 ZONING THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO 1988. AND THE COMMISSION APPROVED  
16 AND RECOMMENDED THE ZONE CHANGE FOR ADOPTION ON NOVEMBER 7TH  
17 OF 2004. THE PROJECT RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM MANY OF THE  
18 RESIDENTS OF THE SUBJECT AREA AND THE PROJECT RECEIVED NO  
19 OPPOSITION. SOME OF THE RESIDENTS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THEIR  
20 PROPERTY TAXES MIGHT INCREASE DUE TO THE CHANGE IN ZONING.  
21 DEPARTMENT STAFF CONSULTED WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND WAS  
22 INFORMED THAT THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX WAS UNLIKELY TO  
23 OCCUR. NO OTHER ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED DURING THE PROCEEDINGS  
24 BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, AND IT IS RECOMMENDED



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1 THAT THE CHANGE OF ZONE BE ADOPTED. THAT CONCLUDES MY  
2 PRESENTATION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE IS NO ONE HERE ON THIS  
5 ITEM. I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVED BY  
6 MYSELF, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION,  
7 SO ORDERED ON THAT ITEM. I DON'T KNOW IF WE'VE RECEIVED THE  
8 TABULATIONS YET ON 2 AND 3.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ON  
11 AGENDA NUMBER 2, AFTER TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION  
12 HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE  
13 PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITION  
14 NUMBER 1521101 WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT  
15 1697, CARSON ZONE. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR  
16 THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY  
17 ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITION NUMBER 1521101 WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING  
18 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1697, CARSON ZONE, AND ACCEPT THE  
19 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
20 ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I SO MOVE. SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN ON AGENDA NUMBER 3, AFTER  
2   TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO  
3   MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND  
4   LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS  
5   WITHIN COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687  
6   UNINCORPORATED ZONE. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR  
7   THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY  
8   ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPROVED TENTATIVE SUBDIVISIONS AND ACCEPT  
9   THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
10  ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES.

11

12  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I SO MOVE AND THAT IS ALSO  
13  SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
14  ORDERED ON THOSE ITEMS. ALL RIGHT. THAT INCLUDES ALL OF OUR, I  
15  GUESS THEY'RE CALLED PLANNING ITEMS, THAT WE HAD TODAY. WE  
16  HAVE ITEM NUMBER 13 AND 17 THAT HAVE BEEN HELD BY DR.  
17  GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. IF SHE WERE TO JOIN US.

18

19  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE ALSO HAVE SOMEONE FROM PUBLIC WORKS  
20  FOR A MOTION I HAVE COMING IN AFTER WE HAVE HER?

21

22  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WE STILL HAVE  
23  ADJOURNMENTS. I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO CALL PEOPLE ON THAT  
24  YET.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO HEAR FROM D.P.S.S. AS FAR AS  
2   ONE OF THEIR BUILDINGS AND...

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE STILL HERE. ARE  
5   THEY STILL HERE? OKAY. GOOD. THANK YOU.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN WE HAVE PUBLIC WORKS, I'D LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT  
8   THAT, WHAT'S UP WITH THEM.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL.

11

12   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
13   I'M CONCERNED. WE ADDING ONE MORE POSITION TO D.H.S., AND, YOU  
14   KNOW, THE SALARY RANGE IS FROM THE 122 TO 230 SOME THOUSAND.  
15   LAST MONTH, WE ADDED ANOTHER POSITION FOR 235,000 TO D.H.S.  
16   BETWEEN THE INCREASE OF DR. GARTHWAITE AND THE INCREASE TO  
17   FRED LEAF, DURING THOSE FOUR POSITIONS, THAT'S ANOTHER \$1  
18   MILLION. I'M SEEING MORE MONEY GIVEN, MORE POSITIONS OPEN,  
19   INCLUDING THE, YOU KNOW, 13.2 MILLION TO NAVIGANT, AND THAT'S  
20   A FALSE FIGURE, BECAUSE 13.2 IS WITHOUT EXPENSES AND I'M SURE,  
21   WHEN WE GO TO DO THE TOTAL, IT WILL BE WAY ABOVE THE 13.2  
22   MILLION. PLUS, THE MONEY WE HAVE SPENT TO LYNN BAR, WHO IS  
23   ASSOCIATED AND THE ONE MILLION AT CAMDEN. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO  
24   STOP THAT BLEEDING OF MONEY? AND, YOU KNOW, WE'RE ADDING  
25   POSITIONS TO SOMEBODY WHO IS ALREADY INCOMPETENT. AND I DON'T



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1 CARE HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU ARE. AS LONG AS YOU DON'T HAVE AN  
2 EFFECTIVE HEAD, IT'S NOT GOING TO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY YOU  
3 SPEND. SO I'M OBJECTING TO THAT EXTRA INCREASE AGAIN.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THE MILLION DOLLARS.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THAT  
10 CONCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. MR. KNABE...

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE MOTIONS-- I MEAN, OUR ADJOURNMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I KNOW, BUT YOU'RE NOT LETTING ME  
15 GET THERE. MR. KNABE, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, I DO.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, DON'T WE GO TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT?

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, MR. WOLFE, WE HAVE A MOTION,  
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND I HAVE A JOINT MOTION, A NEW GROUP  
25 OF WINTER STORMS HAS OCCURRED DURING THE FEBRUARY 2005 AND



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1 THESE FEBRUARY WINTER STORMS HAVE CAUSED CONDITIONS OF EXTREME  
2 PERIL TO THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN THE CITIES AND  
3 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF OUR COUNTY. THE TOTAL DAMAGES HAVE YET  
4 TO BE CONFIRMED BUT WE HAVE SUFFERED FOUR CONFIRMED  
5 FATALITIES, MUD SLIDES, FLOODING, ROAD DAMAGES AND CLOSURES  
6 AND DAMAGES TO BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY. ON JANUARY  
7 10TH, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2.68 OF THE LOS ANGELES CODE, THE  
8 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER PROCLAIMED THE EXISTENCE OF A  
9 LOCAL EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE WINTER RAINSTORMS. DURING  
10 THE LAST 72 HOURS, CONDITIONS CAUSED BY THE FEBRUARY WINTER  
11 STORMS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY WORSENERED. IT'S NOW APPROPRIATE FOR  
12 THE BOARD TO PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF A NEW LOCAL EMERGENCY  
13 FOR THE FEBRUARY WINTER STORMS. THE NEEDS FOR THIS ACTION  
14 AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF TODAY'S AGENDA, SO I'D MOVE  
15 TO DETERMINE THAT THE BOARD DETERMINE, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT  
16 CODE SECTION 5495-2-B-2 THAT THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION ROSE  
17 SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA FOR TODAY'S BOARD  
18 MEETING TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION, WHICH DECLARES THE  
19 EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND, THREE, DIRECT THE C.A.O.'S  
20 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO FORWARD A COPY OF THE  
21 ATTACHED PROCLAMATION TO THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA AND THE  
22 DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND  
23 DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PLACE ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA  
24 REVIEW EVERY TWO WEEKS OF THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL  
25 EMERGENCY WHILE EMERGENCY RESTORATION ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.



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1 AND COULD YOU JUST GIVE US AN UPDATE? I KNOW WE WERE STUCK ON  
2 OUR WAY TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ON SATURDAY MORNING TO  
3 PARTICIPATE IN A EVENT, A 45-MINUTE DELAY ON THE 5 FREEWAY  
4 RIGHT BEFORE SHELDON BECAUSE THE WATER WAS ABOUT TWO TO THREE  
5 FEET HIGH, WHICH WAS CREATING A SEVERE HAZARD. ALONG WITH THAT  
6 AND THE-- I KNOW IN THE SUN VALLEY, TUJUNGA AREA, WHERE WE HAD  
7 ONE FATALITY AND MUDSLIDES. IN MY OWN COMMUNITY OF GLENDALE,  
8 WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF HOMES IMPACTED WITH THE MUDSLIDES AND  
9 SOME CLOSURES. CAN YOU UPDATE US COUNTYWIDE RELATIVE TO THE  
10 SANTA CLARITA, ANTELOPE, SOUTH BAY, MALIBU AREA AND OTHERS?

11

12 **DON WOLFE:** YES, SUPERVISOR. DON WOLFE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF  
13 PUBLIC WORKS. THE SERIES OF STORMS THAT OCCURRED IN THE LAST  
14 FEW DAYS, STARTING, I THINK, I BELIEVE, FRIDAY MORNING, WE'VE  
15 HAD 42 OR, EXCUSE ME, 49 NEW ROAD CLOSURES IN THAT PERIOD OF  
16 TIME. A LOT OF THE ROADS OF THOSE 49 ROADS WERE ROADS THAT WE  
17 WORKED REAL HARD AND GOT OPEN AFTER THE JANUARY STORMS. WE'VE  
18 HAD TWO ROADS THAT HAVE SUFFERED MAJOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND  
19 THAT'S PIUMA ROAD AND LITTLE TUJUNGA CANYON. A LOT OF THE  
20 AREAS WERE IMPORTANT ROUTES, LIKE BOUQUET CANYON, WHERE WE  
21 WERE MAKING PROGRESS GETTING THEM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. WE'VE  
22 OBVIOUSLY HAD SOME MAJOR SETBACKS. WE'VE NOT REALLY BEEN ABLE  
23 TO ASSESS JUST HOW BAD IT REALLY IS. OBVIOUSLY, THE  
24 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS SEVERELY IMPACTED BECAUSE WE'VE ALL  
25 SEEN IN THE NEWS THE IMPACT TO PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESS



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1 OWNERS AND THESE STORMS IS JUST-- IS REALLY DEVASTATING. AND  
2 THE OVERALL IMPACT ON THE ROADS, NOT JUST THE ROADS THAT ARE  
3 CLOSED BUT THE OVERALL IMPACT OF THE ROADS IF YOU'VE BEEN  
4 TRAVELING OUT THERE, THE POTHOLES, WE HAVE-- YOU'RE TALKING  
5 TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN ROAD DAMAGE ABOVE AND BEYOND  
6 THE BIG ONES THAT WE SEE IN THE NEWS AND IT'S GOING TO  
7 CONTINUE. WE HAVE A SATURATED WATERSHED, IT'S STILL RAINING,  
8 IT'S GOING TO RAIN FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO  
9 SEE LAND MOVEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR, IMPACTING RURAL ROADS AND,  
10 UNFORTUNATELY, A LOT OF HOMES AND BUSINESSES. SO IT-- THE  
11 STRESS ON OUR ECONOMY AND ON OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS TREMENDOUS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN LITTLE ROCK, AT THE JACKIE ROBINSON GYM AT  
14 THE PARK THERE, THE RIVER BED HAS NOW ERODED PART OF THE PARK  
15 AND THERE WAS ONE VEHICLE WITH THE-- THE OCCUPANTS WERE  
16 RESCUED AND THE VEHICLE IS STILL OUT THERE AND THEY, I GUESS,  
17 THEY WERE JUST RESCUED THAT WEEKEND BECAUSE I WAS THERE ON  
18 SATURDAY.

19

20 **DON WOLFE:** WELL, WE CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT PEOPLE AVOIDING  
21 ROADS WHEN IT'S WET. PEOPLE TEND TO WANT TO DRIVE INTO PUDDLES  
22 AND THE PUDDLES WIND UP BEING BIGGER THAN THEY EVER IMAGINED  
23 AND THEY PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK AND, OF COURSE, THE PEOPLE  
24 THAT HAVE TO GO AND RESCUE THEM ARE ALSO AT RISK. WE HAVE A



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1 LOT OF PEOPLE STILL MOVING BARRICADES OUT THERE, SUPERVISOR,  
2 AND THEN PUTTING THEMSELVES IN PERIL AND OTHERS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE FLOOD CONTROL MITIGATION THAT OCCURS ON  
5 STATE HIGHWAYS, IS THAT THE STATE RESPONSIBILITY OR DOES  
6 COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL GET INVOLVED? WHAT IS THE PARTNERSHIP ON  
7 THAT?

8

9 **DON WOLFE:** WELL, THE PARTNERSHIP IS THAT THE CALTRANS DRAINS,  
10 THEY WIND UP IN THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT SYSTEM BUT THE  
11 ACTUAL DRAINAGE OF THE FREEWAYS THEMSELVES ARE THE  
12 RESPONSIBILITY OF CALTRANS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THE 5 AND 101 ARE JUST DEPLORABLE AND  
15 EVEN ON PARTS ON THE 210 AND 57 YESTERDAY WHEN WE WERE...

16

17 **DON WOLFE:** YEAH. THE SYSTEM, OUR SYSTEM AND CAL TRANSIT  
18 SYSTEM, SUPERVISORS, IS DESIGNED FOR CERTAIN DESIGNED STORMS.  
19 WE'VE HAD CELLS, PARTICULARLY LIKE THE ONE THAT OCCURRED ON  
20 THE 101 LAST NIGHT, WHICH WE ALL SAW ON THE NEWS THAT IT WAS A  
21 RIVER, THE SYSTEM JUST WAS OVERWHELMED. IT'S NOT DESIGNED FOR  
22 THAT PARTICULAR AMOUNT OF RAIN IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THIS A HUNDRED-YEAR FLOOD? I KNOW WE  
2   REACHED THE 50 YEAR. WE'RE AT THE HIGHEST RATIO OF RAINFALL IN  
3   50 YEARS AND WE STILL HAVE A COUPLE MORE MONTHS TO GO.

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5   **DON WOLFE:** THE-- DEFINING A HUNDRED YEAR FLOOD OR A 50 YEAR  
6   FLOOD, THERE'S A LOT OF FACTORS AND IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME TO  
7   CALCULATE IT BECAUSE IT DEPENDS ON THE SEQUENCE OF RAINFALL  
8   AND HOW SATURATED THE GROUND IS AT THE TIME, SO IT'S NOT JUST  
9   A STORM BY ITSELF TAKEN IN AN ISOLATED SITUATION. OBVIOUSLY,  
10   WE'VE HAD FLOWS AND PROBLEMS THAT GO WAY BEYOND ANYTHING WE'VE  
11   IMAGINED. CURRENTLY, WE'RE AT OUR HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN  
12   ALHAMBRA. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED 32 INCHES OF RAIN THIS YEAR. THE  
13   NORM FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR IS 10 INCHES, SO WE'RE 300% OVER  
14   NORMAL AND IT'S THAT SATURATION THAT OCCURS IN LONG PERIODS OF  
15   RAINFALL THAT DOES THE REAL DAMAGE TO US. THE FLOOD CONTROL  
16   SYSTEM IS WORKING FINE. YOU WON'T SEE THE RIVER RUNNING TOO  
17   HIGH. IT'S THAT SATURATED CONDITION THAT'S REALLY KILLING US.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, WE ASKED FOR THE STATE OFFICE AND THE  
20   GOVERNOR TO ACT. SHOULD WE, AT THIS TIME, REQUEST F.E.M.A. OR  
21   DO WE ASK THE GOVERNOR FIRST AND THEN F.E.M.A. AFTER?

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23   **DON WOLFE:** THE STATE FIRST, THEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE NEED TO GIVE  
2    YOU, ANY AUTHORITY OR ACTIONS TO ALLOW YOU TO DO YOUR JOB?

3

4    **DON WOLFE:** NO, SUPERVISOR. THE AUTHORITY THAT YOU GAVE ME IN  
5    THE PREVIOUS STORMS, WE ARE STILL USING IT AND THAT'S  
6    FORTUNATE. WE'VE EXPENDED ALMOST \$9 MILLION SO FAR AND, OF  
7    COURSE, THEN THE BIG MONEY IS GOING TO START COMING WHEN WE  
8    START LETTING CONTRACTS FOR SOME OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS, LIKE  
9    SAN FRANCISQUITO ROAD BUT, RIGHT NOW, WE'RE OPERATING STILL  
10   UNDER THE AUTHORITY THAT YOU GAVE ME IN JANUARY.

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU WERE OPENING BOUQUET IN MARCH, WAS  
13   IT?

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15   **DON WOLFE:** IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE TOWARDS THE END OF MARCH WAS  
16   OUR PLAN. WE'LL HAVE TO REASSESS THE ADDITIONAL DAMAGE. I  
17   HEARD YESTERDAY THAT THE CREEK WAS AGAIN RUNNING IN THE  
18   ROADBED IN CERTAIN AREAS.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS BEEN, YES. THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE:** CAN I JUST ADD, MADAM CHAIR? MADAM CHAIR, CAN I  
23   JUST ADD THAT I WANTED TO COMPLIMENT THE DEPARTMENT ON THEIR  
24   EFFORTS OUT IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAD A SEVERE  
25   SITUATION OUT THERE WITH PEOPLE TRAPPED AND PUBLIC WORKS'



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1 IMMEDIATE RESPONDED AND OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'M NOT SURE,  
2 STILL, OF THE CONDITIONS OF THE ONE THAT TRANSPORTED BY AIR  
3 BUT THE OTHER TWO WERE AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, REMOVED FROM A VERY  
4 DANGEROUS SITUATION. ALL THREE, ULTIMATELY. AND I WANT TO  
5 COMMEND THE DEPARTMENT AND THEY'VE BEEN OUT THERE TO RESURVEY,  
6 TO, YOU KNOW, RED TAG, YELLOW TAG, BLUE TAG, KIND OF THING, TO  
7 MAKE SURE THAT THOSE THAT CAN GET BACK IN THEIR HOMES CAN. SO  
8 I JUST WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLICLY THANK THE  
9 FIRE DEPARTMENT AS WELL FOR THEIR EFFORTS OUT THERE.

10

11 **DON WOLFE:** OKAY, THE RESCUE PEOPLE ARE DOING A FABULOUS JOB  
12 OUT THERE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE? WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. HOLD ON. MS.  
15 BURKE AND THEN MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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17 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE. ONE OF THE NEW AREAS IN  
18 CULVER CITY IS WHAT WE'VE SEEN ON THE NEWS, IS A TELLEPSEN  
19 STREET. IT'S CRANKS TELLEPSEN, AND IT'S IN CULVER CITY. IT'S  
20 WHERE YOU'VE SEEN THE HOUSES COMING-- THAT ARE SLIDING DOWN  
21 AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT'S NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN  
22 THIS EMERGENCY BUT I CERTAINLY WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF, IT'S  
23 NECESSARY TO COVER AREAS, THAT THE AREAS OF CULVER CITY AND,  
24 OF COURSE, CULVER CITY, SOME OF THE STREETS THAT ARE ADJACENT  
25 TO THE COUNTY AND SOME OF THEM ARE UNINCORPORATED, WHERE THE



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1 STREETS HAVE BEEN IN A TERRIBLE CONDITION AND I THINK THEY'RE  
2 ADDRESSING MOST OF THEM ON CULVER BOULEVARD, AND LINCOLN AND  
3 THAT AREA. AND THAT, WELL, THEY JUST CLOSE THEM UP. BUT I WANT  
4 TO BE SURE THAT THEY AREN'T LEFT OUT.

5

6 **DON WOLFE:** OKAY. WE WILL BE COLLECTING AND THE OFFICE OF  
7 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE WILL GATHER  
8 INFORMATION FROM ALL THE CITIES TO BASICALLY MAXIMIZE OR TO  
9 CLEAR SHOW THE DEFIN-- OR, YOU KNOW, DEFINE THE DISASTER...

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** BECAUSE THEY HAD NO DAMAGE IN THE JANUARY 11TH.

12

13 **DON WOLFE:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** SO THIS IS ALL JUST IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.

16

17 **DON WOLFE:** BUT THE FACT THAT THEY GOT WET ON JANUARY 11TH  
18 PROBABLY CAUSED THE DAMAGE HERE.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SAID \$9 MILLION HAD BEEN SPENT. IS THAT  
23 ON THE DAMAGE THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY-- DONE ON THE PREVIOUS  
24 STORMS OR IS THAT 9 MILLION SINCE FRIDAY?

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1   **DON WOLFE:** THAT ALSO INCLUDES WHAT WE SPENT OVER THE WEEKEND  
2   IN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH DID YOU SPEND OVER THE WEEKEND?

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6   **DON WOLFE:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW THAT NUMBER BUT IT WAS  
7   PROBABLY IN THE HALF MILLION DOLLAR RANGE.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. BUT, LIKE YOU SAID, THE BIG MONEY  
10   IS COMING.

11

12   **DON WOLFE:** THE BIG MONEY IS COMING.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO JUST, FIRST OF ALL, AS  
15   PREDICTED, ONCE THE GROUND IS SATURATED, PROBLEMS, IT DOESN'T  
16   TAKE A LOT OF RAIN TO INDUCE SOME MAJOR PROBLEMS. WE'VE HAD  
17   TWO FATALITIES IN MY OWN DISTRICT IN THE LAST 48 HOURS, AND  
18   THERE ARE FREAK SITUATIONS BUT THE PEOPLE ARE DEAD,  
19   NEVERTHELESS. SO IT'S A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION OUT THERE AND  
20   I THINK, WE'RE NOT DONE WITH THE RAINY SEASON YET, THIS IS  
21   JUST-- WE'RE STILL AT FEBRUARY, STILL HAVE ANOTHER WEEK OF  
22   FEBRUARY TO GO, THEN A GOOD PART OF MARCH IS ALSO IN THE RAINY  
23   SEASON, SO YOU NOW HAVE PROBLEMS ON A MUCH BROADER SCALE THAN  
24   WE DID IN THE LAST GO-ROUND WHEN IT WAS MORE CONCENTRATED IN  
25   THE NORTH COUNTY AREA AND A LITTLE BIT IN THE SANTA MONICAS.



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1 NOW YOU GOT IT EVERYWHERE. I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF SOME OF  
2 THE HILLY PARTS OF THE URBAN CORE EXPERIENCES SOME PROBLEMS AS  
3 WE HAVE IN OUR PART OF TOWN. SECOND THING I WANT TO-- LAST  
4 TIME, WHEN WE MADE THIS DECLARATION, IT TOOK, FROM MY POINT OF  
5 VIEW, AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME FOR THE STATE AND THEN THE  
6 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE CAN  
7 DO TO EXPEDITE THAT. THE REASON I MENTIONED IT, OUR PHONES, AT  
8 THAT TIME, WHEN WE HAD A SMALL NUMBER OF-- RELATIVELY SMALL  
9 NUMBER OF PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAD PROBLEMS, THEY WERE PANIC  
10 STRICKEN AND IT TOOK OVER A WEEK AND A HALF TO GET THEM  
11 INFORMATION THAT THEY WOULD BE COVERED AND THEN EVEN LONG TO  
12 HOW THEY GET ACCESS TO LOW INTEREST LOANS AND THAT SORT OF  
13 THING. IS THERE ANYTHING-- YOU NEED TO AMASS ECONOMIC  
14 INFORMATION, COST INFORMATION TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE, IS THAT  
15 RIGHT?

16

17 **DON WOLFE:** THAT'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT AND THE QUICKER THAT WE CAN  
18 GET THOSE FACTS INTO O.E.S. AND THEY CAN ASSIMILATE IT INTO A  
19 PACKAGE TO GIVE TO F.E.M.A., THE QUICKER WE CAN GET A RESPONSE  
20 BACK FROM THEM AND FROM THE FEDS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU IN THE PROCESS OF AMASSING THAT?  
23 HAVE YOU BEEN?

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1   **DON WOLFE:** YES. AND WE WORK THROUGH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY  
2   MANAGEMENT IN DOING THAT AND THAT'S...

3

4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT PRIVATE PROPERTY DAMAGE?

5

6   **DON WOLFE:** YES. THAT ALSO IS PART OF THE PROCESS. OBVIOUSLY,  
7   OUR BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT COLLECTS IT FROM THE  
8   UNINCORPORATED AREA IN OUR CONTRACT CITIES, THE CITY OF LOS  
9   ANGELES SUBMITS IT, ALL THE CITIES THAT ARE INVOLVED SUBMIT  
10  THEIR INFORMATION AND IT'S FUNNELED INTO O.E.S. AND THAT'S  
11  REALLY THE KEY, SUPERVISOR, IS THE QUICKER YOU CAN GET THAT  
12  INFORMATION TOGETHER AND INTO THEM, THE FASTER YOU CAN GET A  
13  RESPONSE AS THE NUMBERS START TO GET LARGE.

14

15  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HERE'S MY QUESTION. I DON'T MEAN TO RAISE A  
16  RUCKUS OVER THIS BUT IN PRIOR DISASTERS, THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO  
17  BE AN EVEN WAY OF DEALING WITH THIS. IN THE MID '90S WHEN WE  
18  HAD THIS PROBLEM, THE WILSON ADMINISTRATION WENT [ SNAPS  
19  FINGERS ] LIKE THAT, MOVED QUICKLY, DECLARED A DISASTER,  
20  DIDN'T SEEM TO BE WAITING FOR A LOT OF DETAIL. THEY KNEW THEY  
21  HAD A DISASTER ON THEIR HANDS AND THE DETAIL WOULD FOLLOW. IN  
22  THE AFTERMATH OF EARTHQUAKES, WE'VE HAD THE SAME KIND OF  
23  RESPONSE AND, YOU KNOW, LA CONCHITA WAS DECLARED A DISASTER  
24  AREA [ SNAPS FINGERS ] JUST LIKE THAT BUT L.A. COUNTY TOOK 10  
25  DAYS. SO I THINK NOW THAT THIS STORY IS ON THE NATIONAL NEWS,



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1 MAYBE THERE'S NOT AS MUCH NEED TO CONVINCING THE WORLD THAT WE  
2 HAVE A DISASTER ON OUR HANDS. BUT I WOULD JUST HOPE THAT WE  
3 MOVE QUICKLY. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING FROM US OR IF YOU NEED ANY  
4 HELP FROM ANY OF US, TO MAKE A CALL OR WHATEVER YOU NEED, I'M  
5 HAPPY TO DO IT. I'M SURE THE OTHERS WILL BE. I KNOW THAT MR.  
6 ANTONOVICH AND I, THE LAST GO-AROUND, TRIED TO, YOU KNOW,  
7 INDUCE A LITTLE QUICKER ACTION ON THE PART OF THE BUREAUCRACY  
8 AND I HOPE WE CAN MOVE QUICKER THIS TIME.

9

10 **DON WOLFE:** AND I BELIEVE THE FACT THAT WE DID START MAKING  
11 NOISE TOWARD THE END ACTUALLY STEPPED UP THE PROCESS JUST A  
12 LITTLE BIT AND I MADE A COUPLE OF VERY GOOD CONTACTS AT STATE  
13 O.E.S. AS A RESULT AND I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THEY WERE VERY RESPONSIVE. HEAD OF  
16 O.E.S. THERE WAS VERY RESPONSIVE AND REASSURING TO ME. IT  
17 JUST-- HE WAS GOING THROUGH A SERIES OF REQUIREMENTS THAT TOOK  
18 SOME TIME AND I THINK HE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPIER IF HE COULD  
19 HAVE JUST SNAPPED HIS FINGERS AND GOT IT DONE. ALL RIGHT.  
20 THANK YOU, DON.

21

22 **DON WOLFE:** THANK YOU.

23



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US.  
2    MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
3    YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT...

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD  
6    FRIEND, DR. HARRY HANDLER, WHO PASSED AWAY. HE WAS A FORMER  
7    SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
8    BETWEEN 1981 AND '87. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE WAS A MEMBER OF MY  
9    COMMITTEE THAT DEVELOPED LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS  
10    AND WE APPRECIATED HIS LEADERSHIP AND WORK IN GETTING THAT  
11    ACCOMPLISHED. ALSO, IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM HORN SPILLBIRCH. HE  
12    PLAYED INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN BRINGING THE DODGERS TO LOS  
13    ANGELES COUNTY AND HE ALSO WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND  
14    QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY OF ALHAMBRA, WHERE HE OWNED  
15    AND OPERATED BILL BIRCH AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIPS FOR OVER 40  
16    YEARS. ED EHRENRIK, THE FAMILY HAS BEEN QUITE INVOLVED IN OUR  
17    MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM THROUGH THEIR STRUGGLES. ED'S FATHER,  
18    JOE, WAS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
19    MENTALLY ILL, A FOUNDING FATHER OF PLAN OF CALIFORNIA AND ITS  
20    FIRST PRESIDENT. HIS C.P.A. BROTHER, MARK, SERVED AS FINANCIAL  
21    CONSULTANT FOR PLAN OF CALIFORNIA AND HIS MOTHER, ISABELLE, IS  
22    A STRONG SUPPORTER OF PACIFIC CLINICS AND HOME FOR LIFE.  
23    GEORGE BAUMEN, HE PASSED AWAY, WORLD WAR II VETERAN OF THE  
24    PARATROOPER UNIT, 82ND AIRBORNE. HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE  
25    TROJAN SHRINE CLUB AND SCOTTISH RITE, THE ELKS, LION'S CLUB



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1 AND THE BUSINESS MEN'S ART INSTITUTE AND THE CALIFORNIA BAR.  
2 PHIL HARLEY, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF, PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY ON  
3 6TH. HE WAS 85. HE HAD RETIRED IN 1975. CLARA JABRO. SHE WAS  
4 INVOLVED AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S  
5 OF CARONDELET AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE CHILDREN AND  
6 SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. LILA MORGAN, MY COMMISSIONER TO THE L.A.  
7 COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, SHE WAS THE OWNER OF CREST MORGAN  
8 AND ASSOCIATES, ACTIVE IN ARCADIA, WHERE SHE RESIDED. WAS PAST  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RESEDA AND WESTSIDE CHAMBERS OF  
10 COMMERCE AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HAWTHORNE CHAMBER  
11 OF COMMERCE. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER DAUGHTERS, LISA AND  
12 MICHELLE. JUDGE C. ROBERT SIMPSON, WHO WAS A JUDGE FOR  
13 SUPERIOR COURT FOR 17 YEARS AND DIED UNEXPECTEDLY FIVE DAYS  
14 BEFORE HIS PLANNED RETIREMENT THIS MONTH. HE WAS WELL  
15 RESPECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES. LOU LEWIS WELSH, HE PLAYED AS THE  
16 CO-CAPTAIN FOR THE U.S.C. FOOTBALL TEAM IN THE 1953 ROSE BOWL,  
17 WHICH WAS THE FIRST PACIFIC COAST TEAM TO DEFEAT A BIG 10 TEAM  
18 BY BEATING WISCONSIN 7-TO-0. HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF WASHINGTON  
19 IRONWORKS, WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN SUCH PROJECTS AS OUR OWN  
20 MUSIC CENTER, QUEEN MARY, THE GHETTI MUSEUM AS WELL AS A BOARD  
21 MEMBER OF THE STEEL FABRICATORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AND  
22 THE L.A. CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF LOS  
23 ANGELES. HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH AND IN COMMUNITY  
24 ACTIVITIES WITH THE BOY SCOUTS, INDIAN GUIDES AND THE AMERICAN  
25 YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION. JOSEPH SHORTINO, LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 POLICE DEPARTMENT, HE PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 20TH. I SHOULD  
2 SAY WITH THE L.A. COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE SERVED WITH THE  
3 COUNTY WITH DISTINCTION SINCE JOINING THE FORCE IN 1993. IN  
4 2003, HE WAS APPOINTED SERGEANT AND ASSIGNED TO THE FACILITIES  
5 SERVICE BUREAU AT 48. HE WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED AND WILL BE  
6 GREATLY MISSED. HE LEAVES A WIFE AND SIX CHILDREN. HENRY  
7 ZOBOKSKI, RETIRED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. EDWARD TILLMAN, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF  
9 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 69. HE RETIRED FROM THE  
10 SCIENTIFIC SERVICES BUREAU IN 1991. MICHAEL PORTESI, RETIRED  
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS AT  
12 THE CITY OF INDUSTRY IN JULY 19TH, 1999 WHEN HE RETIRED.  
13 LORDMAN "LARRY" OULLETTE. HE WAS FORMER L.A.P.D. AND L.A.  
14 DEPUTY SHERIFF AND ALSO A MARINE CORPS VETERAN. CHARLES  
15 JACKSON, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT,  
16 RETIRED IN 1978. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS TO WAYSIDE HONOR  
17 RANCHO AND PASTOR G. W. HARDCASTLE, II. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE,  
18 MADAM CHAIR.

19  
20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. SO NOW  
21 IF MR. ANTONOVICH WILL PERMIT ME, WE ARE GOING MOVE FORWARD  
22 ITEM 13 AND ITEM 17. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MS.  
24 BURKE?

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. THE FIRST ONE IS DR. JOHN  
2   TYLER PHILLIPS, WHO PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 7TH AT THE AGE OF 85.  
3   HE WAS BORN IN KENTUCKY, GREW UP IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE  
4   ATTENDED DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, GRADUATED AT 16 AND RECEIVED A  
5   MEDICAL DEGREE FROM A MAHARY MEDICAL COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE,  
6   TENNESSEE. HE SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE AS A BURN SURGEON. HE  
7   WAS A SPECIALIST IN HANDS, ON THE STAFF OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL  
8   CENTER, GOOD SAMARITAN, A VIOLINIST AND I THINK MANY OF US  
9   KNOW HIS WIFE, PATRICIA, PAT, PHILLIPS WHO WAS FORMER  
10   PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY BAR AND THEY HAD-- HE'S SURVIVED  
11   BY PAT AND THEIR CHILDREN, TONY, LISA, PAUL, SAMANTHA AND  
12   JOHN, JOHN TYLER III AND MILLICENT ANNE AND EIGHT  
13   GRANDCHILDREN. AND HARRY HANDLER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY  
14   20TH IN LOS ANGELES OF CANCER AT THE AGE OF 76. HE GREW UP IN  
15   EAST L.A., GRADUATED FROM FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL, EARNED A  
16   BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN MATHEMATICS FROM U.C.L.A. AND A MASTERS  
17   IN DOCTORATE AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY FROM U.S.C. HE JOINED  
18   LAUSD IN 1952 AND TWICE IN 1960, HE TOOK LEAVE TO HELP CREATE  
19   THE SOUTH REGIONAL LABORATORY IN ENGLEWOOD. HE WAS  
20   SUPERINTENDENT OF THE L.A. OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM '81  
21   TO '87 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KAY, AND A DAUGHTER,  
22   LISA. I WOULD...

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT D.P.S.S. REPORT TO US  
2   NEXT WEEK ON THE SITUATION OF THE D.P.S.S. OFFICE ON IMPERIAL,  
3   WHERE THERE WAS A CAVE-IN OF THE ROOF AND...

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5   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL GET THAT REPORT FOR MS. BURKE.

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7   **SUP. BURKE:** ...I WON'T DO THAT AT THIS TIME. IF WE COULD HAVE  
8   IT NEXT WEEK.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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12   **SUP. BURKE:** NEXT WEEK, UNLESS EVERYONE WANTS TO HEAR IT RIGHT  
13   NOW.

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15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AS LONG AS EVERYBODY IS WILLING TO STAY  
16   FOR THE ITEMS IN CLOSED SESSION.

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18   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S-- IF WE COULD FIND OUT, YES,  
19   EXACTLY WHAT THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE IS AND I KNOW THAT IS  
20   THE BUILDING THAT THE SHERIFF WANTS TO HAVE FOR THE  
21   \_\_\_\_\_ [cross talk] STATION.

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23   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU CANNOT. YOU CANNOT.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT DO YOU SEE AND WHAT'S THE EXTENT OF THE  
2   DAMAGE?

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4   **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, BRYCE  
5   YOKOMIZO, D.P.S.S. OVER THE WEEKEND, SUPERVISOR, WE DID HAVE A  
6   GREAT DEAL OF RAIN, AS YOU KNOW, AND WE DID HAVE A PORTION OF  
7   THE ROOF ACTUALLY COLLAPSE AT OUR IMPERIAL AND NORMANDIE  
8   FACILITY. WITH THE HELP OF I.S.D., WE WERE ABLE TO GET THE  
9   ROOF PATCHED UP. WE DO HAVE SOME RESIDUAL DAMAGE TO THE INSIDE  
10   OF THE BUILDING, BUT WE OPENED THIS MORNING, BUSINESS AS USUAL  
11   AND WE DO FEEL THAT PART OF THE INTERIOR DAMAGE WE'LL BE ABLE  
12   TO GET COMPLETELY FIXED BY THE END OF THE WEEK AND I THINK  
13   THAT THERE'S BEEN NO DISRUPTION TO THE PUBLIC AND WE'RE DOING  
14   FINE. SO WE WERE ABLE TO GET THINGS PATCHED UP.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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18   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR  
19   ADJOURNMENTS.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS. A FRIEND OF  
22   MY FAMILY, SAM FRIEDMAN, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE WEST LOS  
23   ANGELES AREA, A CLOSE FRIEND OF MY PARENTS, RECENTLY PASSED  
24   AWAY, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SONYA, A DAUGHTER, ESTHER  
25   SINCLAIR. MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RORY SHAW, A



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1 CIVIL ENGINEER WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHO DIED  
2 TRAGICALLY TWO NIGHTS AGO WHEN HE FELL INTO THE SINKHOLE IN  
3 SUN VALLEY AND DROWNED DURING THE RAINSTORM WHILE HE WAS ON  
4 DUTY TRYING TO FIX THE SINKHOLE. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
5 MEMORY OF ROBERT WICKHAM, A RESIDENT OF MY DISTRICT IN  
6 WOODLAND HILLS, WHO PERISHED TRAGICALLY TWO NIGHTS AGO AT THE  
7 AGE OF 61 IN A MUDSLIDE IN HIS WOODLAND HILLS HOME, WHICH  
8 SUFFOCATED HIM WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
9 MEMORY OF JOHN TIFFIN PATTERSON, A RESIDENT OF FOR TOPANGA FOR  
10 MORE THAN 30 YEARS. HIGHLY REGARDED TELEVISION DIRECTOR FOR A  
11 SERIES INCLUDING THE SOPRANOS, SIX FEET UNDER AND CSI, AND  
12 MANY OTHERS, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 64. JOHN RAITT, LONG TIME  
13 LEADING MAN OF BROADWAY, RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT IN PACIFIC  
14 PALISADES, STAR FROM THE 1940S ONWARD, ROSE TO PROMINENCE IN  
15 SUCH HITS AS OKLAHOMA, CAROUSEL, THE PAJAMA GAME, RECENTLY  
16 DIED OVER THE WEEKEND, HE DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS FROM  
17 PNEUMONIA AT HIS HOME IN PACIFIC PALISADES AT THE AGE OF 88.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL, TOO.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO PROBLEM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
22 ROSEMARY, HIS DAUGHTER, BONNIE RAITT, TWO SONS, STEVEN AND  
23 DAVID, TWO STEPDAUGHTERS, SALLIE LOKEY, AND DIANE MAYHEW, AND  
24 SIX GRANDCHILDREN. I WILL SAY THIS, THAT, EVEN IN HIS-- WELL  
25 INTO HIS 80S, THE GUY HAD A GREAT VOICE AND A CAPPELLA, HE



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1 WOULD SING SHOW TUNES FROM HIS HEYDAY AND THEY SOUNDED GREAT  
2 AND HE WAS A GREAT, GREAT FRIEND OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND A  
3 GREAT FRIEND OF OUR COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE TO ALSO JOIN WITH  
4 HARRY HANDLER ON THE ADJOURNING MOTION FOR HARRY HANDLER. HE'S  
5 A RESIDENT OF BRENTWOOD, GRADUATED FROM FAIRFAX, AS YVONNE  
6 SAID, I THINK ONE OF THE FINEST SUPERINTENDENTS, AT LEAST IN  
7 MY ADULT LIFETIME, GIVEN WHAT HE HAD TO WORK, THE CHALLENGES  
8 THAT HE HAD TO FACE AT THE TIME, A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION.  
9 WE SAT NEAR EACH OTHER AT U.C.L.A. BASKETBALL GAMES. HE WAS  
10 REALLY A GREAT MAN. A LOT OF WISDOM. SO I'D LIKE TO JOIN ON  
11 THAT. HUNTER THOMPSON, A LEGENDARY OUTLAW JOURNALIST WHO  
12 PASSED AWAY TRAGICALLY OVER THE WEEKEND IN COLORADO. HE'S  
13 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ANITA, AND HIS SON, JUAN. AND I WANT TO  
14 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF, I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY DID IT, FOR  
15 GENE SCOTT. DID YOU DO GENE SCOTT? REVEREND GENE SCOTT, THE  
16 MINISTER, IT WAS IN THE PAPER THIS MORNING.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** ME, TOO.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GOT TO KNOW GENE SCOTT WHEN I WAS IN THE  
21 CITY COUNCIL AND HE DECIDED TO TAKE UP THE CAUSE OF THE  
22 LIBRARY, DOWNTOWN CENTRAL LIBRARY AFTER THE FIRE DESTROYED  
23 MUCH OF THE LIBRARY. AND I HAVE TO CONFESS, HE WAS AN  
24 INTERESTING MAN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION. SMART AND...

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STANFORD GRAD.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WON'T HOLD THAT AGAINST HIM BUT-- STANFORD  
4    GRAD BUT HE WAS-- I USED TO WATCH HIM ON TELEVISION FROM TIME  
5    TO TIME BECAUSE IT WAS JUST FUN TO WATCH HIM USE HIS POWER OF  
6    LOGIC IN MAKING HIS CASES. HE WAS A VERY INTERESTING MAN, AN  
7    ARTIST, AT LEAST HE FASHIONED HIMSELF AS AN ARTIST, I WON'T  
8    PUBLICLY TELL YOU THE STORIES OF HOW HE DID HIS ART BUT IT WAS  
9    INTERESTING BUT HE DID SOME GOOD WORK. AND HE'S A REAL  
10    INTERESTING FELLOW ON THE LANDSCAPE OF LOS ANGELES HISTORY AND  
11    I WAS REALLY SURPRISED AT HIS UNTIMELY DEATH. HE WAS 75.  
12    THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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14    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED ON THOSE  
15    ADJOURNMENTS. MR. KNABE?

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17    **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, AS I SAID, I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT  
18    ADJOURNMENT FOR JOHN RAITT. HE WAS A GREAT SUPPORTER OF  
19    PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, AS WELL, TOO AND LAST YEAR, WHEN MY  
20    WIFE, JULIE, WAS HONORED AT A PARTICULAR EVENT, JOHN WAS THERE  
21    AND HE BROUGHT HER UP ON STAGE AND, BECAUSE SHE WAS THE  
22    HONOREE, SERENADED HER IN THAT WONDERFUL, DEEP VOICE AT 87  
23    YEARS OLD, IT WAS ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
24    IN MEMORY TODAY OF AGNES FLOOD, WHO PASSED AWAY IN FLORIDA.  
25    SHE IS THE MOTHER OF A DEAR FRIEND, PAMELA SINCLAIR. ALSO THAT



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1 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL LEVY, A DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR  
2 THE STATE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
3 FEBRUARY 5TH. MIKE WAS THE PRIMARY CONTACT FOR OUR OFFICE OF  
4 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. HE WAS A YOUNG, ENERGETIC MAN WHO WORKED  
5 TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF THE STATE AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. HE'S  
6 SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, MEL AND BARBARA AND WE'D LIKE TO  
7 EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
12 JANET HELEN NYDAM, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE'S A  
13 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF ARTESIA, A FORMER MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH,  
14 THEN SWITCHED TO BETHANY CHRISTIAN REFORM CHURCH. SHE WAS ALSO  
15 A MEMBER OF THE SALEM CHRISTIAN HOME GUILD. SHE WAS PRECEDED  
16 IN HER DEATH BY HER HUSBAND, JOHN, AND IS SURVIVED BY HER  
17 SONS, RUSSELL AND RICHARD, DAUGHTERS, JOANNE AND DIANE, 12  
18 GRANDCHILDREN AND 25 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
19 IN MEMORY OF BE DONALD LEE PIERCE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
20 OF 76. HE WAS A RETIRED SERGEANT MAJOR IN THE UNITED STATES  
21 MARINE CORPS. HE MARRIED HIS WIFE, DOROTHY, IN 1950. HE'S  
22 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DOROTHY, SON, RICHARD, A DAUGHTER,  
23 CHRISTINE, A SISTER, RUTH ANN, SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT  
24 GRANDDAUGHTER. SO MOVED.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. I JUST  
2    WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THE JOHN RAITT AS WELL AS THE HARRY  
3    HANDLER ADJOURNMENTS.

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5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS ON JOHN RAITT.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE ONE PUBLIC COMMENT,  
8    WHICH MISS LILLIAN BURTON, IF YOU'D JOIN US. MISS BURTON. WE  
9    CAN'T HEAR YOU, MISS BURTON. WHY DON'T YOU COME UP AND SIT  
10   DOWN AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, WE CAN HEAR YOU ON  
11   THE MICROPHONE.

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13   **LILLIAN BURTON:** WELL, I THINK YOU HEARD ME. I HAVE A  
14   COMPLAINT, ONGOING COMPLAINT. I AM EXEMPTING, FIRST OF ALL,  
15   MR. ANTONOVICH AND MS. MOLINA FROM BLAME. AND I SAY "BLAME"  
16   BECAUSE I INITIALLY DELIVERED A NOTEBOOK OF DOCUMENTATION IN  
17   NOVEMBER THAT DEALT WITH CHILD ENDANGERMENT DIRECTIVES,  
18   COERCION TO ENGAGE IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, CHILD ABUSE, ILLEGAL  
19   AND PUNITIVE TRANSFER, VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS, ONGOING  
20   COVER-UPS AND HARASSMENTS. THIS IS AGAINST MY EX-EMPLOYER, LOS  
21   ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. I'M SURE THAT YOU  
22   RECOGNIZE THE NAME BECAUSE, REALLY, YOU ARE THE HEAD OF  
23   L.A.C.O.E. MY INITIAL COMPLAINT WAS MADE TO MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S  
24   OFFICE IN JULY OF 2001. NADA. WHAT I AM COMPLAINING ABOUT IS  
25   SHADOWED IN THIS BOOK. I AM GOING TO SUGGEST, I HAVE ONE FOR



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1 EACH OF YOU, THAT YOU LOOK UP THE OTHER BOOK SO THAT YOU CAN  
2 GET THE FULL COMPLAINT. THERE IS A SERIOUS ISSUE OF ONGOING  
3 CHILD ENDANGERMENT BECAUSE THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES  
4 COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, MISS HAPCO, HAS SAID THE TEACHERS  
5 WHO HAVE O.H. CREDENTIALS DO NOT NEED C.P.R. CERTIFICATION TO  
6 PERFORM MEDICAL PROCEDURES ON CHILDREN. THAT'S FALSE. IT'S  
7 ILLEGAL. IT'S DANGEROUS. TAKE CARE OF IT. SHE NEEDS TO BE  
8 TERMINATED FOR CHILD ENDANGERMENT. I'M NOW PHYSICALLY  
9 DISABLED. L.A.C.O.E. HAS PROVED THAT. THIS CONDITION WAS  
10 FORCED UPON ME IN A MALICIOUS AND SELF-SERVING ACT OF VIOLENCE  
11 BY L.A.C.O.E.'S ADMINISTRATORS. IT IS IN THE FIRST SECTION OF  
12 THIS BOOK, AFFIDAVITS. BECAUSE I REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH CHILD  
13 ENDANGERMENT DIRECTIVES, I WAS FORCED INTO A CLASS FOR WHICH I  
14 WAS NOT CREDENTIALLED, NOR PHYSICALLY FIT AND, AS A RESULT OF  
15 CONTINUED PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY THESE CHILDREN WHO WERE VIOLENT  
16 AND DISRUPTIVE, I WAS DISABLED. I WAS PLACED INTO THAT CLASS  
17 KNOWING THAT I HAD A PREEXISTING BACK CONDITION THAT WAS, AT  
18 THAT TIME, STABLE. MY CAREER IS ENDED. WHY? SERIES OF COVER-  
19 UPS AND CHILD ENDANGERMENT ACTIVITIES. L.A.C.O.E., KNOWING  
20 THAT I AM NOW PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND KNOWING THAT I WAS  
21 PHYSICALLY DISABLED AS A RESULT OF BEING PLACED IN THIS CLASS,  
22 HAS REFUSED TO GRANT ME THE MONIES PAST DUE MONIES THAT ARE  
23 MINE AS A RESULT OF A CONTRACT PROVISION THAT SAYS THAT ANY  
24 TEACHER WHO IS INJURED AS A RESULT OF PHYSICAL ASSAULT WILL BE  
25 PLACED ON FULL-TIME SALARIED PENSION RIGHTS. I WAS NOT GIVEN



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1 THAT. THAT IS VIABLE AND I NEED TO BE-- I NEED TO HAVE THAT  
2 MONEY, I NEED TO HAVE THAT MONEY SECURED SO THAT I CAN BUY  
3 PENSION SERVICE CREDITS. I NEED TO BE REINSTATED IN L.A.C.O.E.  
4 BECAUSE THEY HAD NO RIGHT TO TERMINATE ME WITHOUT HAVING TAKEN  
5 CARE OF MY PENSION.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS BURTON, I'M GOING TO HAVE THE LAWYERS  
8 HERE, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL WILL ASSIST YOU AS TO HOW TO FILE A  
9 CLAIM AGAINST L.A.C.O.E.

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11 **LILLIAN BURTON:** A CLAIM AGAINST L.A.C.O.E. HOW? IN THE LEGAL?  
12 I'M CALLING YOU TO HELP ME.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN...

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16 **LILLIAN BURTON:** YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF L.A.C.O.E. I AM ASKING  
17 YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THIS MATTER.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, AGAIN, THROUGH A PROCESS OF  
20 INVESTIGATION, I'LL ASK COUNTY COUNSEL TO ASSIST YOU WITH  
21 THAT, MS. BURTON.

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23 **LILLIAN BURTON:** I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I THANK YOU. YOU  
24 HAVE A GOOD REP WITH CHILD ENDANGERMENT AND MS. MOLINA, WHERE  
25 IS SHE? MS. MOLINA, MS. MOLINA, WE'LL SEE.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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4 **LILLIAN BURTON:** ONE FOR EACH OF YOU. PLEASE READ IT. THE FIRST  
5 PART IS VERY INTERESTING AND IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING, THE TIP  
6 OF THE ICEBERG. YOU'LL READ IT. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MS. BURTON. AGAIN, COUNTY  
9 COUNSEL, IF THEY COULD ASSIST HER TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE GETS  
10 ALL THE INFORMATION AS TO HOW TO...

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12 **LILLIAN BURTON:** I AM NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH A LAWSUIT. I WANT  
13 YOU PEOPLE TO TAKE CARE OF IT. EXCUSE ME FOR INTERRUPTING YOU,  
14 MS. MOLINA.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, LET'S FIND OUT WHAT THE STORY IS AND  
17 MAYBE WE CAN HELP. LET'S JUST FIND OUT WHAT THE FACTS ARE  
18 FIRST.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF WE COULD ASK COUNTY COUNSEL  
21 TO ASSIST US, PLEASE, THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. ALL RIGHT. PLEASE  
22 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT. FOR THE RECORD, ITEM CS-2 AND  
25 CS-3 ARE CONTINUED ONE WEEK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHIEF



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1 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
2 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-  
4 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION  
5 AND ITEM A-4, CONFERENCE WITH SHERIFF LEROY BACA, DISTRICT  
6 ATTORNEY STEVE COOLEY OR THEIR DESIGNEES AND RELATED EMERGENCY  
7 SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING POTENTIAL THREATS TO PUBLIC  
8 SERVICES OR FACILITIES AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND  
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1                               **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2                               **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

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4   For your information, the Board of Supervisors continued Items  
5   CS-2 and CS-3 to the meeting of March 1, 2005. There was no  
6   reportable action on CS-1 and A-4.

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1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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3 I, Jennifer A. Hines, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
4 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
5 hereby certify:

6 That the foregoing transcript of recorded  
7 proceedings was taken on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2005, at  
8 the time and place therein set forth and recorded by the  
9 Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, thereafter  
10 transcribed into typewriting under my direction and  
11 supervision;

12 And I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript  
13 of recorded proceedings is a full, true, and correct  
14 transcript of the recorded proceedings before the Los Angeles  
15 County Board of Supervisors.

16 I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor  
17 related to any party to said action, nor in anywise interested  
18 in the outcome thereof.

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
20 25th day of February, 2005.

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23 \_\_\_\_\_(Signature on file)\_\_\_\_\_

24 JENNIFER A. HINES

25 CSR No. 6029/RPR/CRR